


**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM 17-39**

DATE: October 9, 2017
TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members
FROM: James A. Hayes, AICP, City Manager 
SUBJECT: CR-108 – Support of the Dream Act of 2017

PURPOSE

The City Council is considering a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the U.S. Senators from Colorado to support the Dream Act of 2017.

BACKGROUND

The City was contacted by the former Mayor of Golden, seeking support for a letter as referenced above. Staff prepared a letter for discussion and possible action by the City Council on September 25, 2017. City Council decided to delay the approval of the letter to October 9, 2017. The delay was to allow each City Council member time to review the legislation and to allow staff time to prepare a resolution for formal consideration. Staff has provided a link to the act, which is also included here:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1615>

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

SCHEDULE/TIME IMPLICATIONS

None.

NEXT STEPS / CITY COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve CR-108, authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Dream Act of 2017; or
- 2) Direct staff to make additional revisions to the letter or resolution and reschedule to a future meeting for further consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter of support for the Dream Act of 2017

STAFF REFERENCE

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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-108
Series of 2017

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1615 KNOWN AS THE DREAM ACT OF 2017

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached letter, on behalf of the City of Northglenn, to Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner supporting Senate Bill 1615, the Dream Act of 2017.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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U.S. Senator Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner
354 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: DREAM Act of 2017

Dear Senators Bennet and Gardner,

As the current Mayor of Northglenn, Colorado, and representing City Council, the city wishes to join communities across Colorado as we write to express our support for The Dream Act of 2017, to thank you both for your support of the act, and to encourage you both to be energetic champions as the bill works its way through the legislative process.

As your September 5, 2017 press release notes, "The *Dream Act of 2017* would allow a select group of young immigrants, known as Dreamers, to contribute more fully to the only country they know as home and offer a pathway to earned citizenship." We could not agree more.

These DREAMers are members of our towns and cities across the state. They are part of our communities. They contribute to our economy. For many of them, the United States is the only country they have ever known. They are doing everything we have asked of them: study and learn, work hard, pay taxes, and serve their communities. DREAMers are students, soldiers, teachers, first responders, entrepreneurs and job creators, and community volunteers.

As Mayor of Northglenn and representing City Council, our city is non-partisan, but our community is comprised of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We applaud your co-sponsorship of The Dream Act and encourage you to use every tool at your disposal to secure passage of a clean bill as quickly as possible.

Please let us know how we can help you in this urgent and critical effort.

Respectfully,

Mayor Joyce Downing
City of Northglenn