

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2012-030

Joining as a party in support of the County of Santa Clara, California's
Amicus Brief in re: Arizona v. United States

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WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court will hear the immigration related case of *Arizona v. United States* during this term of court; and,

WHEREAS, United States Supreme Court's decision in this case could have far-reaching consequences for local jurisdictions throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara, California is filing an Amicus Brief in support of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's decision to halt implementation of the Arizona immigration law, arguing that involvement of local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law will directly harm public safety by diverting resources away from local law enforcement agencies' core responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Amicus Brief argues that lifting preliminary injunction issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will result in profiling based on race, ethnicity, national origin and language or accent; and;

WHEREAS, the Amicus Brief argues that implementation of Section 2(B) of the Arizona law requiring an arrestees' immigration status be determined prior to release would expose local law enforcement agencies and local jurisdictions to liability; and,

WHEREAS, the Amicus Brief argues that the Arizona law will undermine the trust between local law enforcement agencies and immigrant communities, making it more difficult for local governments to investigate and prosecute crimes effectively; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Conference of Mayors, the City of Los Angeles, California and twenty other cities and counties across the United States have agreed to join in as a party in support of the Amicus Brief challenging the Arizona law; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 27th day of March, 2012, that the City of Columbia shall join in as a party in support of the County of Santa Clara, California's Amicus Brief in the case of *Arizona v. United States*.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin



MAYOR

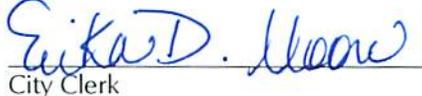
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