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Mayor John Hamilton
401 N Morton Street, Suite 210
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April 3, 2023

Dear Mayor John

We applaud your leadership and advocacy in support of the legislation as referred to in the letter prepared by Mayor Jeremy Stutsman of Goshen.

La Voz Unida is a 501c3 organization that has taken on the endeavor of making real improvements in local communities based on empathy and integrity without distinguishing race, origin, or religion. We are currently building local support for the Driver's Privilege Card (past Senate Bill # 248).

We have been requesting, and receiving, a city resolution in support of this legislation. Would you consider proposing a resolution in Bloomington? We request that you please consider advocating and sponsoring a resolution in support of this legislation.

La Voz Unida would certainly be willing to schedule a presentation with you and your city council at your next meeting, if necessary, in hopes of obtaining a favorable outcome. We have taken the liberty of attaching 11 city resolutions for your review. Please find additional documentation attached for consideration as you discuss and review this packet.

Enclosed is also our contact information.

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LA VOZ UNIDA



WHO WE ARE ?

We are a non-profit organization
based in Plymouth, INDIANA

OUR MISSION:

La Voz Unida works focused on the needs of the communities, without distinguishing race, origin or religion, based on empathy and integrity to advance towards developing a better community.



OUR VISION:

Promote economic and social development in the community by solving priority needs, whether it may be short or long term, becoming an organization that provides financial aid through scholarships to our youth to encourage education; empowering people to be informed, giving them the opportunity to be stronger leaders in the community, improving the quality of cultural life.

Are you interested in knowing more about what we do?
Do you have questions or suggestions?

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Date: August 29, 2022

Subject: Safer Roads. A Stronger Indiana

Governor Holcomb, Senator Doriot and Members of the Indiana General Assembly.

We understand that a bill will be introduced to the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 session that would help ensure that every driver on Indiana's roads is trained, certified, insured and identifiable to law enforcement, including Indiana residents who cannot provide proof of lawful status in the United States. The proposed Indiana Driving Card legislation would create a pathway for undocumented residents to legally drive in Indiana.

As elected officials, we are pleased to join the growing number of organizations who have formally endorsed the Indiana Driving Card legislation, including the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Insurance Institute of Indiana and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. We believe that allowing undocumented residents to apply for a driver's card will bring several benefits to our communities:

1. **Traffic Safety**- Individuals receiving driving cards will be required to pass a driving test. If accidents occur, hit-and-runs will decrease as drivers are legally authorized to drive.
2. **Insurance**- Allowing all drivers to purchase car insurance will decrease the rate of uninsured motorists, which can reduce insurance premiums for all Hoosiers.
3. **Economic Benefits**- Driving cards will remove the fear of travel for undocumented residents, leading to higher participation in the labor force and more leisure travel. State revenues will also increase from the fees collected through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
4. **Law Enforcement**- Providing identification for currently unlicensed drivers will give law enforcement a tool to identify and track unsafe drivers.

Nationally, 16 states allow undocumented residents to apply for a special license to drive. We believe our state, our communities, our businesses and our residents would benefit from creating the proposed Indiana Driving Card, and we urge you to support this important legislation when it is considered during the 2023 legislative session.

Sincerely,

Jeremy P. Stutsman (D)

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States Offering Driver's Licenses to Immigrants

10/11/2022

States issue driver's licenses under the constitutional authority of the 10th Amendment. Congress enacted Real ID in 2005, creating standards for state-issued driver's licenses, including evidence of lawful status. This brief provides a summary of state legislation authorizing driver's licenses or authorization cards for unauthorized immigrants. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to allow unauthorized immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. These states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington—issue a license if an applicant provides certain documentation, such as a foreign birth certificate, foreign passport, or consular card and evidence of current residency in the state.

Immigrants and Driver's Licenses



- Do not offer driving privileges to unauthorized immigrants
- Offer driving privileges to unauthorized immigrants

In 2022, Rhode Island became the most recent state to enact legislation extending driver's licenses and identification cards to those without proof of lawful presence (SB 2006/HB 7939). In addition to Rhode Island, the Massachusetts legislature overrode the Governor's veto of their bill allowing those without proof of lawful presence to obtain driver's licenses (SB 4822/HB 4805). In the 2022 midterm election, Massachusetts voters were asked via ballot measure (Q4) whether the state should keep or repeal the new immigrant driver's license law, and voters ultimately elected to uphold it.

Enacted Legislation

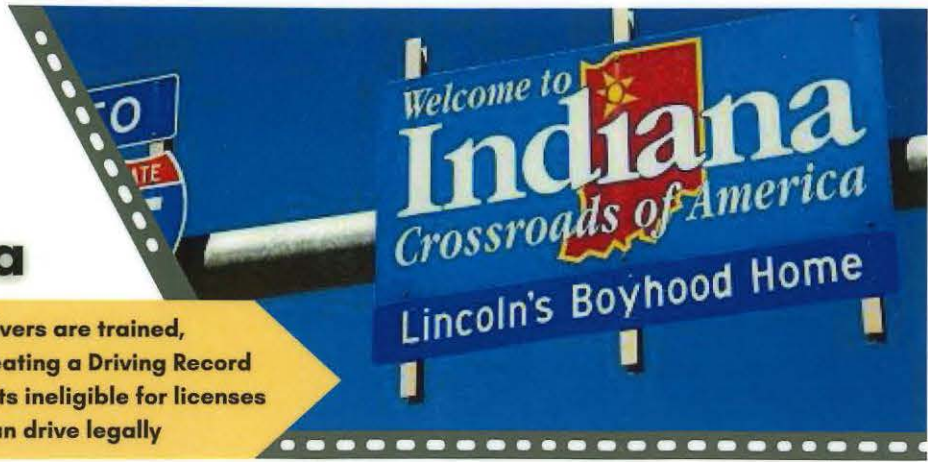
State	Bill	Year Enacted	Summary	Effective Date
California	A 60	2013	This law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses to individuals who are ineligible for a Social Security number, if the required documentation is provided.	Jan. 1, 2015
Colorado	S 251	2013	This law allows individuals to qualify for a driver's license, instruction permit or identification card, despite the individual not being lawfully present or being only temporarily lawfully present in the United States if certain conditions are met, such as providing state tax returns.	Aug. 1, 2014
Connecticut	H 6495	2013	This law provides driver's licenses to applicants who submit a valid foreign passport or consular identification and proof of residency, regardless of legal presence in the United States. Applicants must file to legalize as soon as he or she is eligible	Jan. 1, 2015
Delaware	S 59	2015	This law creates the means for an undocumented immigrant to obtain a driving privilege card in Delaware. A driving privilege card or permit applicant must provide the state with satisfactory documentary evidence and that the applicant has filed a Delaware income tax return or resided in Delaware and been claimed as a dependent by an individual who has filed a state income tax return for the preceding two years. The card is not considered a valid form of identification due to the applicant's inability to prove legal presence in the U.S.	Dec. 27, 2015
Hawaii	H 1007	2015	This law authorizes the issuance of driver's licenses to residents of Hawaii who cannot provide proof of authorized presence in the United States. Applicants must provide satisfactory proof of identity and Hawaii residency.	Jan. 1, 2016

State	Bill	Year Enacted	Summary	Effective Date
Illinois	S 957	2012	This law allows the Secretary of State to issue a temporary visitor's driver's license to an individual who has resided in Illinois for a specified time but is ineligible to obtain a Social Security number, and unable to prove lawful presence. A valid, unexpired foreign passport or consular identification document from their country of citizenship are acceptable forms of identification.	Nov. 28, 2013
Maryland	S 715	2013	This law authorizes the issuance of driver's licenses to those who do not have lawful status or a valid Social Security number. New applicants must provide evidence that the applicant has filed two years of Maryland income tax returns or proof of residency or have been claimed as a dependent by an individual who has filed Maryland income tax returns. The licenses are not valid for Federal identification purposes.	Jan. 1, 2014
Massachusetts	HB4805	2022	This law authorizes the issuance of drivers licenses to applicants even if they cannot provide proof of lawful presence or if they are uneligible for a social security number.	July 1, 2023
New Jersey	A4743	2019	This law creates a standard driver's license or identification that does not require proof of lawful presence. The law prohibits the motor vehicle commission from disclosing information to any federal, state or local law enforcement agency for immigration purposes without the consent of the individual, a warrant, court order or subpoena, unless such restriction is contrary to federal law. The commission may not retain copies of documents submitted to establish eligibility for a license or identification card.	June 1, 2020
New Mexico	H 173	2003	This law allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to accept tax identification numbers as a substitute for a Social Security number regardless of immigration status.	2003
New York	S 1747	2019	This law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue standard drivers' licenses and restricts what information can be retained and given out on those applying or holding licenses.	June 17, 2019

State	Bill	Year Enacted	Summary	Effective Date
New York	A3675	2019	This legislation allows for the issuance of a driver's license to undocumented residents and protects the data of those applying for such privilege from unwarranted release. The Department of Motor Vehicles may not disclose records to any agency that primarily enforces immigration law without a lawful court order or judicial warrant. The law requires that any person or entity that has access to information from the department to certify that the information will not be used for civil immigration purposes. Application forms for non-commercial drivers' licenses and learners' permits which do not meet federal standards for identification may not state: the documents an applicant used to prove age or identity; an applicant's ineligibility for a social security number where applicable; or an applicant's citizenship or immigration status. A non-commercial driver's license or learner's permit which does not meet federal standards for identification may not be used as evidence of a person's citizenship or immigration status, and may not be the basis for investigating, arresting, or detaining a person. Such licenses must be visually identical to federal-purpose driver's licenses except that such licenses may state "Not for Federal Purposes".	Dec. 14, 2019
Nevada	S 303	2013	This law creates a driver's authorization card and allows applicants, regardless of legal status, to provide birth certificates or passports issued by a foreign country as proof of identity. This law also prohibits the release of information relating to legal status for purposes relating to the enforcement of immigration laws.	Jan. 1, 2014
Oregon	H2015	2019	This law eliminates the requirement that a person provide proof of legal presence before the Department of Transportation issues a noncommercial driver license, noncommercial driver permit or identification card. Acceptable documents to prove identity, date of birth or address when a person is applying for a driver license, driver permit or identification card that is not a Real ID, a commercial driver license, or a commercial learner driver permit, include: (a) An unexpired valid passport from the person's country of citizenship; (b) An unexpired valid consular identification document issued by the consulate of the person's country of citizenship; (c) A driver license, driver permit or identification card issued by Oregon that expired less than 13 years before the current application; or (d) A driver license, driver permit or identification card issued by another state and for which the person has not expired before the current application.	Aug. 9, 2019



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FACT SHEET: Driving Record Cards in Indiana





This bill would ensure that all Indiana drivers are trained, certified, insured, and identifiable by creating a Driving Record Card (DRC), under which Indiana residents ineligible for licenses who pay taxes and pass a driving test can drive legally



Traffic Safety

-  Ensures all drivers are properly trained and certified, improving traffic safety – states with DRCs see traffic fatalities decrease as much as 23%.
-  Eliminates pressure on undocumented drivers to flee the scene of a traffic accident, no matter who is at fault. Research indicates this would bring Indiana's fatal hit-and-run incidence rate below the national average.



Economic Benefits

-  Removes the fear of travel and increases work productivity among undocumented residents, growing the Indiana economy by between \$17 million and \$23 million annually.
-  Adds \$17.2 million to state revenue over three years, due to application fees from DRC holders, new vehicle purchases and registrations, and additional sales and gas tax revenue. The DRC program would pay for itself and add to the state budget, which has been hit hard by COVID-19.

Insurance

-  Allows drivers to purchase auto insurance, decreasing the state uninsured rate by as much as ⅓, and increasing revenue to auto insurance companies by \$68 million over 3 years.
-  Decreases the uninsured driver charge on every auto insurance premium, saving the average Hoosier an estimated \$25 per policy per year, rather than forcing them to cover uninsured drivers.

Law Enforcement

-  Reduces the time officers spend ticketing and impounding vehicles of unlicensed drivers, letting them focus on threats to public safety. That's why New York police chief Lt. Richard Conway called the law "a big help."
-  Expands the BMV's database, giving state law enforcement full access to crucial information, while also protecting sensitive personal information from being shared with federal immigration enforcement authorities.

Key Distinctions from a Standard Driver's License

-  Includes a residency requirement set by the BMV, to avoid attracting new undocumented immigrants.
-  DRCs must be renewed every year, ensuring consistent compliance and minimizing potential for fraud.
-  DRC applicants must provide an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), ensuring that all DRC holders are taxpaying Hoosiers.

DRCs will feature bold text that reads "FOR DRIVING RECORD ONLY - NOT VALID FOR IDENTIFICATION"



This ensures DRCs aren't used to vote, access federal services, or claim citizenship, and it keeps the law compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

Let Indiana join Utah and the 15 other states nationwide that ensure every driver is certified, trained, and insured!

Save Lives – Certify All Who Drive

Safer Roads, A Stronger Indiana

The Indiana Driving Record Card Project is a team of Notre Dame students advocating for a bill that would ensure that all Indiana drivers are trained, certified, and insured. We believe Indiana should create a Driving Record Card, under which undocumented Indiana residents, after meeting certain criteria and passing a driving test, could obtain authorization to drive. This important legislation would ensure that all drivers on Indiana roads are trained, insured, and identifiable by law enforcement. 16 states nationwide currently allow undocumented residents to apply for a license or special certification to drive, and Indiana should join this group.

Benefits of Expanding Driving Legislation

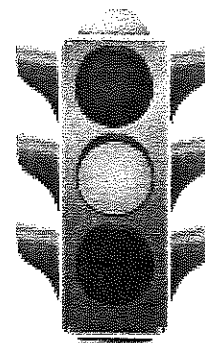
- **Traffic Safety** — The Driving Record Card would ensure that all drivers currently on the road have prepared for and passed a driving test, which makes people better drivers. When accidents do occur, all drivers having identification and being legally authorized to drive decreases the percentage of hit-and-runs and streamlines interaction with law enforcement.
- **Insurance** — Allowing all drivers to purchase car insurance would decrease the uninsured driver charge on auto insurance premiums, saving currently licensed drivers an estimated \$25 per year instead of forcing them to cover the costs of uninsured, untested drivers on the road.
- **Economic Growth and State Revenue** — The Driving Record Card would increase state revenue by an estimated \$15 million in three years. Increased applications, vehicle registrations, and tax revenue would more than cover the cost of administration, and increased mobility for Indiana residents would also increase consumer spending and economic growth.
- **Law Enforcement** — Providing and requiring identification for currently unlicensed drivers would give Indiana law enforcement an important tool to identify and track unsafe drivers. It would also expand the BMV information database, a critical investigative tool for law enforcement.

At present, there is no pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to receive authorization from the state to drive legally. This doesn't keep them off the road, but it does prevent them from being trained, insured, and identifiable, all of which would keep **every Hoosier safer**. This common-sense proposal would improve the safety of our roads, decrease the average insurance premium, contribute to the economy, and help law enforcement do their jobs.

Save lives. Certify all who drive.

Traffic Safety

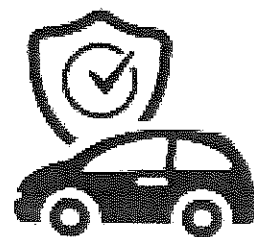
Creating a Driving Record Card system would improve traffic safety outcomes for all Indiana residents. In the present situation, undocumented drivers on the road have not received driving instruction or certification from the state, and are under high levels of stress due to their unauthorized driving status— making them more likely to be involved in a fatal crash. However, with a pathway to driving legally, fatalities decrease. For example, driving fatalities and total crashes in Utah dropped by 24.4% and 10.67% respectively during the first five years after the state created DRCs, and the rate of injured persons per 100 miles driven dropped from 158 to 116.3. In New Mexico, alcohol-related crashes decreased by 32% and traffic fatalities fell by 23% after the state passed its own driver record law. Our own research indicates that states with DRC programs have lower traffic fatality rates, compared to both states without DRCs and the national average.



Importantly, DRCs also decrease the frequency of hit-and-run accidents. Currently, many hit and-run accidents occur because undocumented drivers fear substantial legal consequences if they stay at the scene of an accident – regardless of who's at fault. But fleeing the scene of an accident increases the chance of further injury and hinders law enforcement from producing an accurate incident report. DRC legislation has been among the best ways to address this issue. Connecticut saw hit and run crashes drop by 9% after passing their law, with the largest decreases in cities with the highest rates of DRC issuance. California also saw hit and run accidents decrease by 4,000 after passing their law.⁷ Based on the experiences of other states with DRCs, our research finds that within two years of passing DRC legislation, Indiana would see hit-and-run rates drop by 3.6%, bringing it below the national average.

Auto Insurance

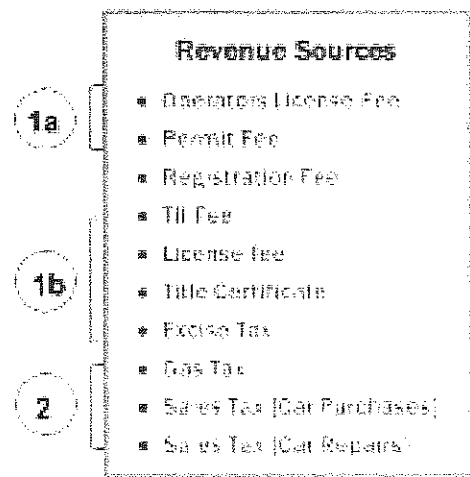
Currently, undocumented drivers cannot purchase insurance, even if they want to, raising the cost of premiums for everyone. But studies from other states find that when undocumented immigrants are licensed, they buy insurance— New Mexico's driver record law caused the state's uninsured rate to drop from 33% to 9.1% in two years. Not only would this program bring in \$68 million in revenue for insurance companies over the first 3 years, but it would also benefit policyholders who no longer have to pay in to cover the cost of uninsured drivers on the road. One comprehensive study found that across all states and years, driver record laws decrease the average annual auto insurance premium by \$17.22. Our own research finds that the average Indiana premium



would decrease by \$25.09 per year based on Indiana’s undocumented population and driving rate. When undocumented residents have the opportunity to drive legally and purchase insurance, they do so. By opening this door, a DRC bill would benefit both insurance companies and the average Indiana driver.

State Revenue and Economic Growth

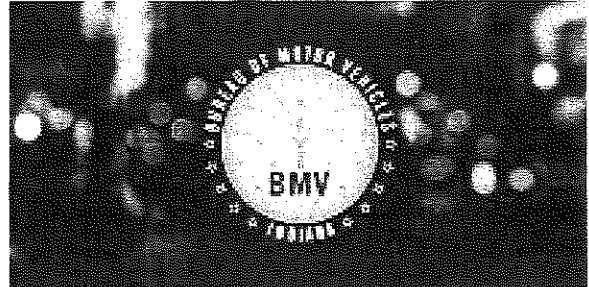
Research shows that Driving Record Card legislation would provide considerable benefits to the Indiana economy and the state budget. When New York debated similar legislation, the Fiscal Policy Institute estimated that the state would see about \$56 million in increased annual revenue, as well as an additional \$27 million in one-time revenue in the first year. Our own research assesses ten revenue sources across three categories: application fees (1a), associated fees for new vehicle registrations (1b), and tax revenue from associated consumption (2), finding that even under conservative estimates for indirect revenue, the DRC program would bring in \$15.3 million in state revenue over the first 3 years, more than offsetting the program’s cost. In a year when the state budget has been seriously impacted by COVID-19, the DRC legislation could create an important new program for Indiana residents and leave the state budget better off.



Furthermore, from an economic standpoint, insurance isn't the only industry that stands to benefit. A DRC law would make undocumented Hoosiers more likely to make larger purchases, by allowing for fear-free transportation that expands their range of consumption. Furthermore, research on the difference in vehicle ownership between authorized and unauthorized immigrants in comparable areas indicates that Indiana could see over \$100 million worth of increased vehicle sales. More generally, a cross-state comparison indicates that states with DRC laws see improved economic outcomes, such as faster personal income growth, general economic growth, and poverty reduction. Following a study published by the Institute of Labor Economics, we project that the increase in hours worked due to the DRC law would increase consumer spending by between \$17 million and \$23.5 million, benefiting the entire Indiana economy.

Law Enforcement

In addition to positively impacting transportation and commerce, Driving Record Card legislation would benefit Indiana law enforcement in three major ways. A University of Illinois Chicago study found that as many as 70% of crime victims reported that they are less likely to contact law enforcement if they lack necessary documentation, and 67% indicated they would be less likely to report information about other crimes. Without the fear of deportation for driving without a license, undocumented residents are more likely to remain at the scene of an accident and work with law enforcement to provide necessary information. Secondly, Driving Record Cards would improve the efficiency of law enforcement. The time officers currently spend ticketing, withholding, and impounding the vehicle of unlicensed drivers could be directed



towards pressing public safety threats to our communities. In Minnesota, lawmakers concluded that significant tax dollars are spent on the incarceration of unlicensed drivers and could be redirected toward other law enforcement programs. Finally, state BMV and DMV databases are the largest law enforcement databases in the country, and denying driving privileges to undocumented residents means excluding an estimated 100,000 Indiana residents from these databases. Issuing DRCs would allow law enforcement to accurately determine a driver's identity and track their driving record, keeping drivers accountable and taking unsafe drivers off the road, as well as helping law enforcement investigate more serious violations.

In New York, where similar legislation passed in 2019, Police Chief Richard Conway testified that the law was "a big help" to the efficiency of his department. Indiana sheriffs likewise recognize the importance of this legislation for their work. Sheriff William Redman of St. Joseph's County has endorsed a DRC bill, and Sheriff Dennis Quackenbush of Hamilton County similarly observes that "there is a need. There is a gap and it looks like [this legislation is] trying to fill it."

Hello Mayor. Thank you for giving us the privilege to be here with you this afternoon and to speak to you about this issue that has impacted our community.

The lack of privileges doesn't only affect our Hispanic community, but the community as a whole. It is known that to survive you need water, food, air, and shelter. If someone is not able to operate a vehicle, how are they supposed to go out and supply food for themselves or their families? They can walk; well, walking with excessive heat or cold is not a great option. Our community comes into play in this. How is the economy supposed to increase if people don't go out to stores or businesses due to the lack of driving privileges? When it comes to education, we are very aware and fortunate to have school buses that serve as transportation, but a lot of parents don't send their kids on buses, why? Bullying, racism, if you're too close to your designated school you cannot have a bus, etc. Our community and country itself are so big on preparing this generation to be the next leaders, but if due to the lack of driving privileges students can't get to school and get proper education, what will happen to our generation? One more key point I would like to address, when I was born in this country, I was two years old when my parents decided to go back to Honduras because to their understanding this wasn't their country. While being in Honduras, my Mom and I got kidnapped. My parents were forced to come back to the United States, and it has been a hard process to be legal in the country. Maybe my words don't matter at all, but I guarantee you that after God, my parents are the example I want to follow because they are people that honor God over everything and they are people that are filled with integrity and I know there are more people like them that want to respect this country, community and its laws. Thank you once again and we hope you're able to support this.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED TO OBTAIN
A DRIVER'S REGISTRATION CARD IN INDIANA – Lilia F**

It is very important that each individual meet ALL THE REQUIREMENTS to obtain the Driver's Registration card in the State of Indiana. Only Eligible individuals will be able to apply for the Driver's Registration Card with the following :

1. The individual will be required to be living in the State of Indiana for at least one year or more to be eligible to apply.
2. The individual will have to provide documents as proof that he/she is paying Indiana State taxes.
3. Some individuals are eligible to apply for an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) through the IRS as a method of paying taxes
4. The individual would possibly be fingerprinted
5. All individuals applying for a Driver's Registration Card will study all the regulations, signs and traffic signals in order to take and pass the written test.
6. All individuals will take the actual driving test with a BMV instructor.
7. The Driver's Registration Card is valid for only ONE year, after which should be renewed again with the required documentation.

What individuals can NOT do with the Driver's Registration Card:

1. It can NOT be used as an identification.
2. It can NOT be used to vote.
3. It can NOT be used to travel by airplane.
4. It can NOT be used to drive to other states.

Ligonier supports driving privileges card

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Content

LIGONIER — Ligonier's Hispanic residents, joined by members of an advocacy organization, La Voz Unida of Plymouth, packed the council room Monday night to ask for a resolution of support for Indiana Senate Bill 248, a measure that would create driving privilege cards.

The council received packets of information about SB 248 and why the bill is important to communities with populations of immigrants.

Council president Ken Schuman said he was moved by the stories of so many individuals who can't get a license or insurance. He said he liked seeing the results of similar laws in other states, including fewer crashes and hit-and-run accidents.

The audience clapped and cheered when the council voted to have city attorney Jack Birch draft a resolution of support for the bill for final approval at the March 13 meeting.

Senate Bill 248 provides that an individual who is an Indiana resident and cannot provide proof of identity and lawful status in the United States may apply for a driving privilege card to obtain driving privileges. The bill sets forth the requirements to obtain a driving privilege card.

The bill provides that a driving privilege card may not be used as identification for any state or federal purpose other than to confer driving privileges. The card cannot be used for the purpose of voting, or to verify employment. The card holder must verify and continuously maintain insurance on any vehicle operated by the card holder. The card applicant is required to sign up for Selective Service.

The bill also prohibits the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from disclosing certain information unless a lawful court order or judicial warrant is presented.

Senate Bill 248, the specialized driving privilege bill authored by Sen. Blake Doriot, R-Goshen, did pass out of committee after some contentious discourse back on Feb. 7, but the bill has not since returned to the Senate floor.

As of Tuesday morning, the bill had not gone through a second or third reading, with the Senate third reading deadline being the end of the day.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce had lobbied in favor of the bill, citing several benefits including:

- 43,400 different Indiana residents would apply for Driving Privilege Cards (DPCs) in the first three

years of the program's existence. In any given subsequent year, 48% of the eligible population would be expected to apply for a DPC

- Within two years, it will decrease the fatal hit-and-run incidence rate by 3.6%, bringing it below the national average
- The average auto insurance premiums in Indiana would decrease by \$25.09 per year
- 77.3% of DPC holders would purchase auto insurance, a rate just 6% lower than the general population
- The law would increase revenue for Indiana automobile insurance companies by \$68 million over the first three years
- It would generate roughly \$7.2 million in state revenue over three years due to direct revenue and additional tax revenue
- Benefits to law enforcement include the following: community relations, criminal investigations, traffic law enforcement and allocation of resources.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 18 states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to allow unauthorized immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. These states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington—issue a license if an applicant provides certain documentation, such as a foreign birth certificate, foreign passport, or consular card and evidence of current residency in the state.

Ed Rodriguez, spokesman for La Vose Unida, said Minnesota is the latest state to approve the driving privileges card, approving the law just three weeks ago.

Rodriguez first offered a prayer for healing for Mayor Patty Fisel, who did not attend the meeting. Rodriguez, speaking in English and Spanish, spoke of the fear and hardship many immigrants experience because they don't have required documents for a driver's license, but still work and pay taxes in their communities.

That is, until they are arrested for operating a vehicle without ever having a license. Such arrests bring to light other problems as well, such as lack of auto insurance. The consequences can lead to deportation and the separation of families.

Rodriguez found an ally in Bryan Shearer, Ligonier's police chief and public safety director.

Shearer spoke in favor of the resolution from the council, and was delighted to have a packed house for his police department's annual report. He noted that there were 104 arrests in Ligonier in 2022 for operating a vehicle without ever having been licensed.

"I know there is fear," Shearer told the crowd, "Please do not fear the police. We want to work together for solve problems for everyone."

Shearer repeated the department's mission statement and goals before launching into the numbers for 2022. For 2022, there was a total of 21,658 calls for service, compared to 21,593 for 2021. Both years had fewer calls than the pandemic year of 2020, when 26,074 calls for service were recorded.

Shear noted that his officers do security checks on businesses and for residents' homes when they

are on vacation. There have been no burglaries of businesses in the past three years, and two residential burglaries, one each in 2021 and 2022. No cases of child neglect were reported in 2022, either.

Reports of domestic battery incidents dropped from 35 in 2021 to just eight in 2022. Shearer attributed that decrease to officers educating residents for better outcomes.

Ligonier's K9 team deployed 63 times in 2022 for various duties, include patrols, K9 demonstrations, security for undercover narcotics teams and school searches. Patrolman K9 Handler Nicholas Knafel and his K9 officer assisted in 43 arrests and seizures of drugs and firearms.

Photographs in the report highlight Ligonier police involvement with the Dakich bike event, where 20 children received free bikes and helmets; the Chalk It Up sidewalk art event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and a Bike Rodeo at the 2022 Marshmallow Festival on Labor Day weekend.

RESOLUTION

No. 4933-21

Passed by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana _____

_____ November 22, _____ 20 21.

Attest: *Dawn M. Jones* _____ City Clerk
Dawn M. Jones

Attest: *Sharon McBride* _____ President of Common Council

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana _____

_____ November 22, _____ 20 21.

Dawn M. Jones _____ City Clerk
Dawn M. Jones

Approved and signed by me _____ November 23, _____ 20 21

_____ *J. Mh* _____ Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 4933-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ENDORSING AND URGING PASSAGE OF INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVER CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS

Whereas, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be a primary consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, at the present time, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification or insurance; and

Whereas, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured; and

Whereas, earlier in 2021, Indiana House Bill 1138 and Senate Bill 319 establishing Driver Cards in Indiana failed to move forward; and

Whereas, at the present time, similar legislation has passed in 16 states, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, together with The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test and a driving test; and

Whereas, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents; and

Whereas, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs; and

Whereas, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, such legislation will improve public safety and promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident; and

Whereas, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

Whereas, bipartisan legislation will again be introduced in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents; and

Whereas, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy and positive relations with law enforcement.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The South Bend Common Council hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card.

Section II. The South Bend Common Council also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driver Card such as training, certification and insurance.

Section III. The South Bend Common Council urges City residents to support the passage of such legislation by making their opinions known to their state legislators.

Approved this 22nd day November 2020

Sharon McBride

Sharon McBride, Vice-President
South Bend Common Council



Sheila Niezgodski
6th District Council Member
Chair, Committee of the Whole

I want to thank everyone here tonight on behalf of the Drivers Card Resolution, Bill No. 21-52. I would like to recognize the representatives from St. Adalbert Parish, Our Lady of Hungary and the Notre Dame students from the Indiana Driving Card Project as well as our immigrant community mostly who reside in the 6th District and throughout South Bend.

I also want to thank my co-sponsors that have also agreed to support this resolution.

The reason I have brought this forward for tonight's hearing is because I feel it is important to the over 11,000 immigrants residing in South Bend/St. Joseph County that we acknowledge that they too are part of and are integral members of our community.

They work within this community, raise their families here, and purchase goods here. They also pay taxes here. Just like everyone else living here they also help South Bend to reap the economic benefits that our city enjoys when these dollars are earned and in return spent here in South Bend.

But because of our federal government's procrastination in enacting good, sensible, long term immigration policy, a good portion of our Latino/Hispanic population here in South Bend are being denied the ability to adequately care for their children and their families.

Having the ability to drive to and from work, go to the grocery store or take their children to the Doctor when in need should not be an impediment only because of the status of their citizenship.

The General Assembly has been working to pass legislation over the last several years to provide a Drivers Record Card for undocumented immigrants residing in Indiana. This card would clearly read "For Driving Record Only-Not Valid for Identification". It would be used solely for the right to drive a vehicle and to legally purchase insurance.

Driving record cards could not be used to vote, access federal services, or claim citizenship. They would however be compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

In the 2021 session of the General Assembly and in the upcoming session due to begin again in January, this legislation has gained bi-partisan support. House and Senate members of the General Assembly have gained greater awareness and through educational efforts provided by members of our Latino/Hispanic communities throughout the State of Indiana, I believe they are at the juncture of passing this very meaningful legislation.



Sheila Niezgodski
6th District Council Member
Chair, Committee of the Whole

That's why I felt it was important to bring this resolution before our council this evening. Other communities throughout the State are being asked to sponsor resolutions just like what we have before us tonight.

It is our way of saying to immigrants throughout our city that we acknowledge that you too are vibrant members of our community. No one should be denied the right to properly care for your children and your families by being denied the right to drive an automobile.

It is also the manner that the Common Council of South Bend can lend its support to our legislators to reinforce the reality that this important issue clearly has no political boundaries. It is simply the right thing to do.

My fellow councilmembers, I would very much appreciate your support in passing this Resolution now before us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Niezgodski".

Sheila Niezgodski
6th District Councilwoman
City of South Bend

**WARSAW COMMON COUNCIL
RESOLUTION # 2023-02-01**

**A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Warsaw, Indiana,
Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing
Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents**

WHEREAS, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be an important consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under the current Indiana law, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to obtain a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification, or insurance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, similar legislation has passed in 18 states; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will require an applicant for a Driver Card or Driver Card renewal to sign up for selective service; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety and promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, legislation was again introduced in the Indiana Senate (Bill 200) to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy and positive relations with law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warsaw Common Council as follows:

Section I. The Warsaw Common Council hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card.


Section II. The Warsaw Common Council also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driver Card such as training, certification and insurance.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage according to law.

THEREFORE; be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Warsaw, Indiana, with 6 ayes, and 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, that this be Adopted and Resolved this 21st day of February, 2023.

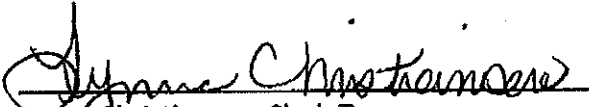
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Diane L. Quance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY me on this 21st day of February, 2023.



Dr. Joseph Thallemer, Presiding Officer
of the Common Council of the
City of Warsaw

Attest:



Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer

**GOSHEN COMMON COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana,
Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing
Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents**

WHEREAS, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be a primary consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under the current Indiana law, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to obtain a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification or insurance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Indiana House Bill 1138 and Senate Bill 319 establishing Driver Cards in Indiana failed to move forward; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, similar legislation has passed in 16 states; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety and promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, legislation was again introduced in the Indiana Senate (Bill 200) to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy and positive relations with law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Goshen Common Council as follows:

Section I. The Goshen Common Council hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card.

Section II. The Goshen Common Council also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driver Card such as training, certification and insurance.

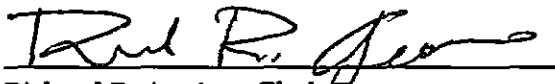
Section III. The Goshen Common Council urges City of Goshen residents to support the passage of such legislation by making their opinions known to their state legislators.

PASSED by the Goshen Common Council on July 18, 2022.



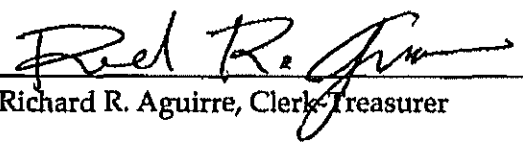
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Richard R. Aguirre, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED to the Mayor of the City of Goshen on July 18, 2022, at the hour of 7:06 p.m.



Richard R. Aguirre, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED and ADOPTED on July 18, 2022.



Jeremy P. Shustman, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1029

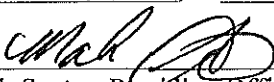
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF
INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING
DRIVER CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, in recent months, many members of the Plymouth community have expressed support for the Indiana General Assembly to adopt legislation that would provide a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain a card providing them with driving privileges. An informational meeting on the effort that was held on October 23, 2022, at the St. Michael's Catholic School gymnasium in Plymouth was very well-attended. At the meeting, State Senators Blake Doriot and David Niezgodski described a bill addressing the issue that they plan to advance in the 2023 legislative session. Since the meeting, the City has been presented with a petition with nearly 300 signatures of those supporting such legislation. Implementation of this program would increase public safety by assuring the adequate training certification, and insurance of more drivers on our roads. As a result, such a law is anticipated to have positive economic benefits for all Hoosiers. According to data, last updated October 11, 2022, from the National Conference of State Legislatures, 18 states and the District of Columbia currently offer driving privileges to undocumented immigrants in some manner. (*See, <https://www.ncsl.org/research/immigration/states-offering-driver-s-licenses-to-immigrants.aspx>, last accessed December 9, 2022*). The purpose and intent of this resolution is to endorse a similar solution and to encourage the Indiana General Assembly to adopt appropriate legislation in the coming year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth as follows:


Section 1. The Plymouth Common Council endorses and urges passage of State legislation developing a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain driving privileges upon completion of appropriate training, certification, insurance, or other prerequisites.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of December, 2022.



Mark Senter, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2023-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT, INDIANA ENDORSING AND URGING PASSAGE OF INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of all people using Indiana roads should be a primary consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana and the City of Logansport; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana (Council) recognizes there is a large group of our friends and neighbors who cannot prove lawful status in the United States and are unable to obtain a driver's license in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, these same undocumented residents are forced to contend with everyday issues others take for granted, such as how to get to work, how to shop for food, and household necessities, or something as simple as taking their child to school for extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately many undocumented residents are driving on the local streets and highways without proper driver's training, certification, or car insurance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driving Privilege Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured for vehicular operation; and

WHEREAS, this January 2023, legislation was again introduced into the Indiana House (HB 1644) to establish a Driving Privilege Card for undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, at the present time 18 states have recognized the benefits of passing a Driving Privilege Card which has improved public safety, improved relations with law enforcement, reduced costs to all insurance policy holders, and increased tax revenue for these states; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana as follows:

SECTION 1: The Council hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driving Privilege Card.


SECTION 2: The Council also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driving Privilege Card such as training, certification, and insurance.

SECTION 3: The Council urges city residents to support the passage of such

legislation by making their opinions known to our state legislators.


DULY PASSED, RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2023 by the
Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed,
and ____ abstained.

Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana

By:  _____

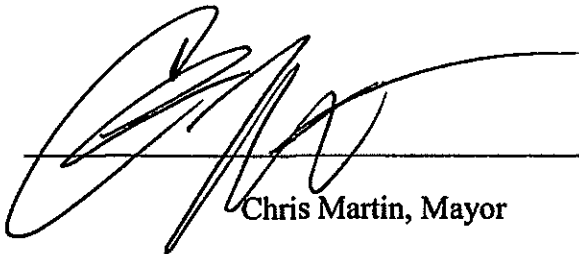
Jake LeDonne, President

ATTEST:

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Duane Ullom, Clerk Treasurer

Submitted to, approved by, and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Logansport, Indiana this
6th day of February 2023

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Chris Martin, Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. R-23-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKHART TO SUPPORT
LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH INDIANA DRIVING CARDS**

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the City of Elkhart, Indiana believe that all residents of the City of Elkhart, Indiana deserve safe roads to travel upon; and

WHEREAS, currently, a person who cannot prove lawful status in the United States is unable to obtain an operator's license in the State of Indiana, and as a result, unable to purchase car insurance; and

WHEREAS, unlicensed drivers are more likely to be involved in accidents than validly licensed drivers; and

WHEREAS, licensed drivers must pay higher premiums for accidents and injuries caused by unlicensed drivers; and

WHEREAS, Driving Card legislation in the State of Indiana would require every driver on Indiana's roads be trained, certified, insured, and identifiable to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would improve public safety, requiring all individuals with driving cards to pass a written test, a vision test, and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of organizations have formally endorsed the Indiana Driving Card legislation including the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Insurance Institute of Indiana, and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, eighteen states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have enacted laws to allow unauthorized immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card would provide an easily recognizable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

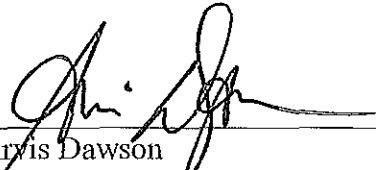
WHEREAS, the Common Council believes it is important that all Indiana drivers on our roads be trained, certified, and insured, acknowledging the importance of safe roads for its residents through the reduction of hit and runs and the increase of insured motorists on our roads; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKHART, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The Common Council hereby urges introduction and passage of responsible Driver Card legislation which requires training, certification, and insurance; and

Section 2; Urges residents of the City of Elkhart to support the passage of such legislation by making their opinions known to their state legislators in the upcoming General Assembly.

RESOLVED this 1st day of August, 2022.



Arvis Dawson
President of the Common Council

ATTEST:

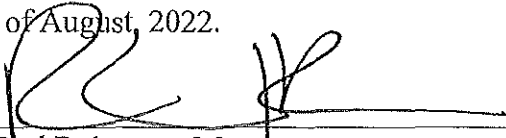

Debra D. Barrett, City Clerk

PRESENTED to the Mayor by me this 2ND day of August, 2022 at 9:25
a.m./p.m.

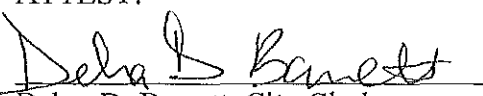


Debra D. Barrett, City Clerk

APPROVED by me this 2ND day of August, 2022.



Rod Roberson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debra D. Barrett, City Clerk

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Sponsored by the Hammond Common
Council

RESOLUTION NO. R20

**Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hammond,
Indiana, Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation
Establishing Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents**

WHEREAS, until 2007 Indiana extended a universal right to a driver's license to all Indiana residents who were able and qualified to pass a test of practice and knowledge for driving in this state; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of Senate Bill 463, or Act 184, to comply with the Federal Law of REAL IDENTIFICATION ACT (REAL ID ACT), applicants are required to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States, which results in many members of the immigrant community being unable to obtain a Indiana driver's license;

WHEREAS, that we as a society welcome all immigrants who contribute to American society by being educated and skilled professionals; such as doctors, nurses, caregivers, lawyers, accountants, and all professions, as well as mechanics, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, truck drivers, manufacturers, construction workers, and all trade laborers. Immigrants also build and maintain our roads, houses, landscape our properties, cultivate and harvest our food and do countless non-skilled jobs. By working all these jobs, they contribute to our tax base by paying (Federal, State, County, City and Town) taxes and fees. However, as a society, we unjustly deny basic human rights and foment family separation; without a driver's license they are unable to participate fully and equally in the community and are at risk of deportation each time they must drive; and

WHEREAS, that immigrants without a driver's license experience challenges towards a better quality of life; parents are forced to limit their access to healthcare, educational or extracurricular opportunities for their children, or a better paying job due to fear of driving without a license; and

Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents

WHEREAS, that the City of Hammond strives to be a welcoming community for all immigrants from all over the world, who come in search of opportunity, stability, prosperity, education, and a better life for their families; and

WHEREAS, that undocumented families in the city, make up a growing population of immigrant workers from other countries. These people contribute economically and culturally, and families could choose to leave the City to reside, work and raise their families in other cities or states, in search of safer opportunities, but they decide to stay and reside here because this is their city too, and this is where they desire to set their roots.

WHEREAS, the undocumented immigrants have the same hopes, fears, and dreams as any other member of our community, and we recognize their humanity and support them in their struggle for permanent protection, dignity, and respect, and

WHEREAS, earlier in 2022, Indiana House Bill 1195 and Senate Bill 200 establishing Driver Cards in Indiana failed to move forward; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, undocumented immigrants residing in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, together with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, can now obtain a driver's license; and,

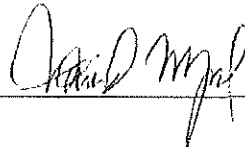
WHEREAS, a driver's card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation will again be introduced in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly to establish driver cards for undocumented residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND Indiana, on behalf of the people of the City, hereby endorses and urges the passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain Drivers Cards. The Hammond City Clerk is respectfully instructed by the Hammond Common Council to forward this resolution, upon passage, to both Houses of the Indiana Assembly and presented to the study committee for consideration.

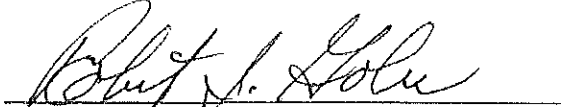
Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Endorsing
and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing Driver Cards for
Undocumented Indiana Residents

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, on the
28th day of November, 2022.



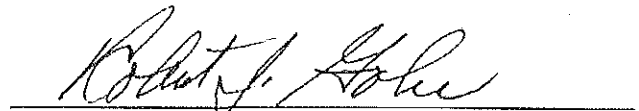
Dave Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

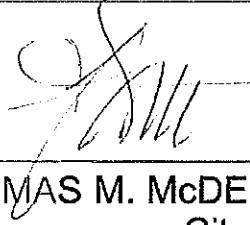
PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of
Hammond, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 29th
day of November, 2022



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

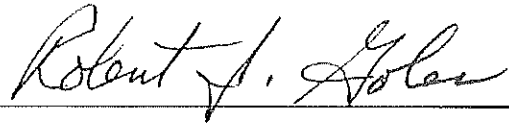
The foregoing Resolution No. R26 consisting of 4 pages,
including this page, Approved was Approved and
Signed by the Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana on the 29th
day of November, 2022.

Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents



THOMAS M. McDERMOTT, JR., MAYOR
City of Hammond, Indiana

ADOPTED by the Common Council on the 20th day of November, 2022, and Approved by the Mayor on the 2nd day of November, 2022.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Sponsor: Council Member At-Large Debra Bolaños

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-0006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA,
ENDORING AND URGING PASSAGE OF INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVER CARDS
FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of East Chicago recognizes and promotes the following:

Until 2007 Indiana extended a universal right to a driver's license to all Indiana residents who were able and qualified to pass a test of practice and knowledge for driving in this state; and

With the enactment of Senate Bill 463, or Act 184, to comply with the Federal Law of REAL IDENTIFICATION ACT (REAL ID Act), applicants are required to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States, which results in many members of the immigrant community being unable to obtain an Indiana driver's license;

That we as a society welcome immigrant labor to cultivate our flowers, harvest and serve our food, build and maintain our houses, care for our loved ones, landscape our properties, and in many other ways; however, as a society, we unjustly deny them basic human rights and foment family separation; without a driver's license they are unable to participate fully and equally in the community and are at risk of deportation each time they must drive; and

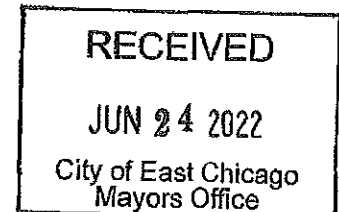
That immigrants without a driver's license experience challenges towards a better quality of life; parents are forced to limit their access to healthcare, educational or extracurricular opportunities for their children, or a better paying job due to fear of driving without a license; and

That the City of East Chicago strives to be a welcoming community for all immigrants from all over the world, who come in search of opportunity, stability, prosperity, education and a better life for their families; and

That undocumented families in the City make-up one of the largest and growing populations of Hispanic workers, whom contribute economically and culturally; families could choose to leave the City to reside, work and raise their families in Illinois in search of safer opportunities, but decide to stay and resolve because this is their City too and this is where their roots have set after more than a decade for most; and

That undocumented immigrants have the same hopes, fears, and dreams as every other member of our community, and we recognize their humanity and support them in their struggle for permanent protection, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, earlier in 2022, Indiana House Bill 1195 and Senate Bill 200 establishing Driver Cards in Indiana failed to move forward; and



Sponsor: Council Member At-Large Debra Bolaños

WHEREAS, since 2008, undocumented immigrants residing in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, together with The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, can now obtain a driver's license; and

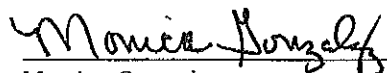
WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation will again be introduced in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents.

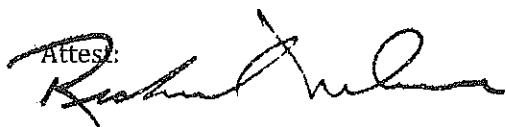
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of East Chicago, Indiana, hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card, and urges that City residents support the passage of such legislation by making their opinions known to their state legislators in the upcoming General Assembly.

The above resolution was offered by the Community of the City of East Chicago and supported by Council Member At-Large, Debra Bolaños.

Approved this 22 day June, 2022.

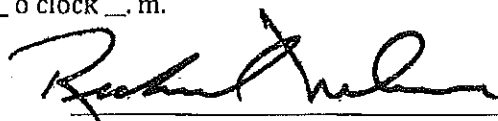


Monica Gonzalez
President East Chicago Common Council

Attest:


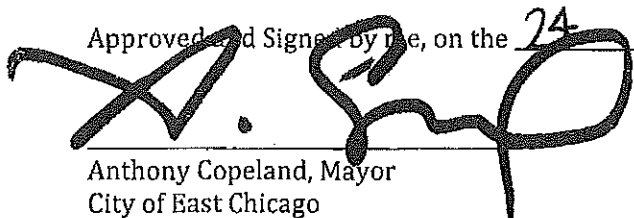
Richard Medina, City Clerk

Presented by me, the undersigned Clerk of the City of East Chicago, to the Mayor of the City of East Chicago, Indiana on the 23 day of June 2022 at __ o'clock __ m.



Richard Medina, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

Approved and Signed by me, on the 24 day of June 2022, at __ o'clock __ m.



Anthony Copeland, Mayor
City of East Chicago

FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

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Clerk, East Chicago Common Council

LIGONIER COMMON COUNCIL
RESOLUTION # 0313-2023

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Ligonier, Indiana,
Endorsing and Urging Passage of Indiana Legislation Establishing
Driver Cards for Undocumented Indiana Residents

WHEREAS, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be an important consideration of elected official in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under the current Indiana law, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to obtain a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification, or insurance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, similar legislation has passed in 18 states; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will require an applicant for a Driver Card or Driver Card renewal to sign up for selective service; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety and promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, legislation was again introduced in the Indiana Senate (Bill 248) to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy and positive relations with law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Ligonier Common Council as follows:

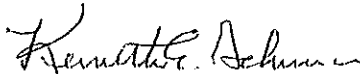
SECTION 1. The Ligonier Common Council hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card.

SECTION 2. The Ligonier Common Council also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driver Card such as training, certification and insurance.

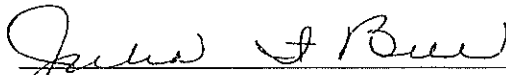
SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage according to the law.

THEREFORE; be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Ligonier, Indiana, with 5 ayes, and 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, that this be Adopted and Resolved this 13th day of March, 2023.

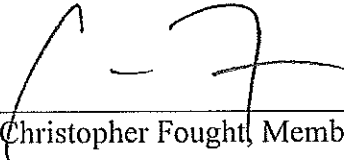
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIGONIER, INDIANA



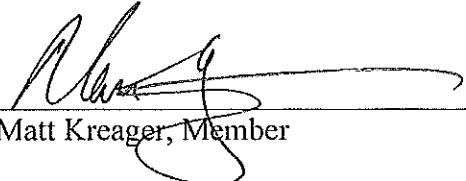
Kenneth Schuman, President



Julia Bell, Member



Christopher Fought, Member



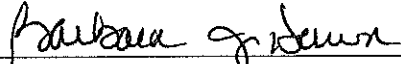
Matt Kreager, Member



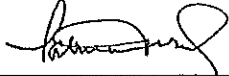
Doretta Wiegand, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED



Barbara Hawn, Clerk-Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor

PERMANENT RECORD

RESOLUTION C-2023-03

PASSED

INTRODUCING: Weaver, Mosby,
and Heronemus

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVER CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be a primary consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, at the present time, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification or insurance;

WHEREAS, according to data from the National Conference of State Legislatures, eighteen states and the District of Columbia currently offer driving privileges to undocumented immigrants in some manner;

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured;

WHEREAS, members of the Evansville community have expressed support for the Indiana General Assembly to adopt legislation that would provide a process for undocumented immigrants residing in Indiana to obtain a card providing them with driving privileges;

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test and a driving test;

WHEREAS, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured Indiana residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents;

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented Indiana residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs;

WHEREAS, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety and promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident;

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WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification;

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation will be introduced in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly this session to establish Driver Cards for undocumented residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy and positive relations with law enforcement.

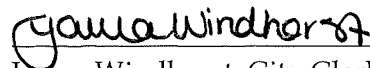
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of Evansville, Indiana, endorses State legislation developing a process for undocumented immigrants residing in Indiana to obtain driving privileges upon completion of appropriate training, certification, insurance, and other prerequisites.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the 27 day of February, 2023, and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the City Clerk.



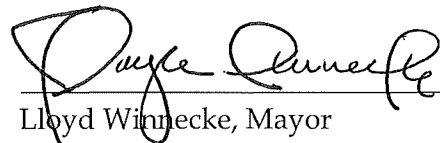
Zac Heronemus, President
Common Council of Evansville, Indiana

I attest to the passage and adoption of the foregoing by the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the above date.



Laura Windhorst, City Clerk
City of Evansville, Indiana

Having examined the foregoing resolution, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Evansville, Indiana, approve said resolution and return the same to the City Clerk this 30th day of March, 2023.



Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor
City of Evansville, Indiana

Trockman ✓	Beane ✓
Mosby ✓	Moore ✓
Burton ✓	Weaver ✓
Koehler Lindsey ✓	Heronemus ✓
Brinkmeyer ✓	Passed 9-0

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WABASH, INDIANA
RESOLUTION # 6, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND URGING PASSAGE BY THE
INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING
DRIVER CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be an important consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to obtain a driver's license, and;

WHEREAS, many undocumented Indiana residents are driving on the streets and highways of Indiana, without adequate training, certification, or insurance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation providing undocumented Indiana residents with a pathway to obtain a Driver Card will encourage undocumented Indiana residents to be trained, certified, and insured, and thereby improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, similar legislation has passed in 18 states; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will benefit Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents while at the same time reducing the number of uninsured residents; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will contribute to the tax revenue of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. The City of Wabash, Indiana endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide a pathway for undocumented Indiana residents to be able to obtain a Driver Card.

Section 2. The City of Wabash, Indiana also hereby endorses and urges passage of state legislation to provide prerequisites to obtaining a Driver Card such as training, certification and insurance.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage according to law.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WABASH, INDIANA THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY 2023.

By: David W. Monroe
David Monroe, President of the Common Council

PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WABASH ON THE 22nd DAY OF MAY 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 6 O'CLOCK P M.

Wendy Frazier
Wendy Frazier, Clerk-Treasurer

THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED AND SIGNED ON THE 22ND DAY OF MAY 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 6 O'CLOCK P M.

Scott A. Long
Scott A. Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wendy Frazier
Wendy Frazier, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARDS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bremen, Indiana believe that it is in the best interests of its residents and visitors that to require, encourage, and enforce safe driving within the municipal limits of the Town of Bremen; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that a person who cannot prove lawful status in the United States is unable to obtain an operator's license in the State of Indiana and consequently is unable to purchase vehicle insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that the presence of unlicensed drivers on Indiana roads and streets reduces safety and increases costs for all drivers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Driving Card legislation in the State of Indiana would improve safety and decrease expenses on Indiana's roads and roads by increasing the number of insured drivers; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would improve public safety by requiring all individuals with driving cards to pass a written test, a vision test, and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily recognizable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Bremen, Indiana to increase the number of trained, certified, and insured drivers on the roads and streets of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the proposed Driving Card legislation will further those stated objectives and is therefore in the best interests of residents of the Town of Bremen, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby endorses passage of responsible Driver Card legislation that requires training, certification, and insurance for all prospective drivers residing in the State of Indiana; and

Section 2; The Town Council hereby further asks all legislators in the State of Indiana, to thoughtfully consider the needs and priorities of all residents of Indiana, including individuals and businesses, when drafting, amending, and approving the passage of any such legislation in the current or future sessions of the General Assembly.

RESOLVED this 27th day of February, 2023.


TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BREMEN, INDIANA

YEA

NAY

X

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William Daily, President

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Michael Leman, Vice-President

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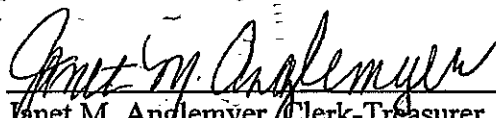

Rick Graverson, Member

X

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James Leeper, Member

ATTEST:


Janet M. Anglemyer, Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No. _____ 2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH
MANCHESTER ENDORSING THE PASSAGE OF INDIANA
LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVER CARDS FOR
UNDOCUMENTED INDIANA RESIDENTS**

Whereas, members of the North Manchester community, including employers, churches, law enforcement and economic development officials, have expressed support for the Indiana General Assembly to adopt legislation that would provide a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain a card providing them with driving privileges, and

Whereas, A bill addressing the issue was filed as Senate Bill 248 in the 2023 legislative session, and

Whereas, passage of this legislation and implementation of this program would increase public safety by assuring the adequate training, certification, and insurance of more drivers, and

Whereas, as a result, such a law is anticipated to have positive economic benefits for all Indiana residents, and

Whereas, it is documented that 18 states and the District of Columbia currently offer driving privileges to undocumented immigrants in some manner, and

Whereas, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to endorse a similar solution and to encourage the Indiana General Assembly to adopt appropriate legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Manchester Town Council as follows:

Section 1. The North Manchester Town Council endorses and urges passage of legislation developing a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain driving privileges upon obtaining appropriate training, certification, insurance, or other prerequisites.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this fifth day of April, 2023.

James W. Smith, President

ATTEST:

Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer

APRIL 5, 2023

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Those present:

Jim Smith	Carrie Mugford	Craig Walters	Maddie Schultz
Laura Rager	Matt Mize	Ryan Shock	Eric Christiansen
Tom Dale	Cam Kissinger	Ray Houser	Virginia Cripe
Allen Miracle	Dave McVicker	Alex Downard	Sally Krouse
Gary Montel	Jennifer Hotchkiss		

Those absent: None. A quorum was attained.

The April meeting of the North Manchester Town Council was held at the Public Safety Building, 709 W. Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana, on April 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Jim Smith, who presided.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 03/01/23 regular and 03/15/23 executive meetings were presented for approval. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Rager/Montel. Motion passes unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

UPDATES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ADA Accessible Parking Space Proposal at MU, GO#1, Third Reading – Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Mugford read general ordinance #1, 2023, by title only. Motion to approve on third reading: Rager/Dale. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, GO#2, Second Reading – President Jim Smith explained that this ordinance was passed on first reading at the last meeting. The ordinance was revised slightly so that the number sequence correlates with the existing codification. The content was not changed. Clerk-Treasurer Mugford read general ordinance #2, 2023, by title only. Motion to approve on second reading: Rager/Miracle. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Building Code Revisions, GO#3, Second Reading – Clerk-Treasurer Mugford read general ordinance #3, 2023, by title only. Motion to approve on second reading: Rager/Miracle. Motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wabash County Education Visioning Funding Request – President Smith explained that he and Councilmember Tom Dale are the town's representatives to the group. Smith and Dale are recommending supporting the work of the Wabash County Education Visioning Group with a contribution of \$10,000. The Group has a budget of \$65,000 to work with a research consultant. Other units of government are also contributing and all contributions will go through the

Community Foundation of Wabash County. Improving education in Wabash County is one of the highest priorities of the Imagine One 85 plan. Councilmember Allen Miracle asked what the group is hoping to accomplish. Sally Krouse, member, stated that the intention is to gather data and determine what parents in Wabash County want for the education of their children. Motion to approve the funding request: Dale/Rager. Motion passes unanimously. Krouse thanked the council for their support.

2. Resolution in Support of Driving Privilege Card, Resolution #3 – President Smith stated that this resolution is in support of future legislation concerning driving privilege cards. This is a general resolution in support of the concept. Councilmember Gary Montel asked what effect the legislation would have in North Manchester. Smith stated that proper training and insurance is required to obtain a driving privilege card which should result in less uninsured motorists and less hit and run accidents. Clerk-Treasurer Mugford read resolution #3, 2023, verbatim. Motion to approve resolution #3: Rager/Montel. Motion passes unanimously.

3. HF Group Tax Abatement Request, Resolution #2 – Clerk-Treasurer Mugford explained that HF Group has installed new manufacturing equipment and are seeking tax abatement. The request has been vetted by Keith Gillenwater of Grow Wabash County. Gillenwater provided a letter of support and recommends granting a ten-year abatement based on the amount of the investment and the retained jobs. Mugford read resolution #2, 2023, verbatim. Motion to approve the HF Group tax abatement request: Rager/Miracle. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Traffic Ordinance Revision, Repeal No Parking, GO#4, First Reading – Councilmember Montel explained that Manchester University requested a repeal of the no parking area around the former administrative building on the east side of Bond Street between College Avenue and Miami Street and on College Avenue between Wayne Street and East Street. Montel stated that the Traffic Commission considered this request and recommends removing the no parking restrictions. Clerk-Treasurer Mugford read general ordinance #4 verbatim. Motion to approve GO#4, 2023, on first reading: Rager/Dale. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Traffic Ordinance Revision, Add Temporary Parking Locations, GO#5, First Reading – Councilmember Montel stated that Manchester University requested additional temporary parking spaces adjacent to Sister's Café. These two additional spots are to encourage community members to stop for refreshments at the university coffee shop. These are 10-minute parking spots. Montel stated that the Traffic Commission also considered this request and recommends adding the temporary parking as requested. Clerk-Treasurer Mugford read GO#5 verbatim. Motion to approve GO#5, 2023, on first reading: Rager/Dale. Motion passes unanimously. Councilmember Allen Miracle asked if the yellow markings on curbs can be evaluated and removed in coordination with the ordinance revisions. This request will be forwarded to the street department.

6. Arbor Day Proclamation – President Smith read the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation and proclaimed April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in North Manchester.

DEPARTMENTAL & COMMISSION REPORTS

Police Dept. – Report included in packet.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Cam Kissinger reported that SCBA and turn out gear have been ordered and now they are just waiting on everything to be delivered. The volunteer department is planning the annual pancake breakfast for September 23. Fireworks are scheduled for July 1 with a rain date of July 4 at Manchester High School. Manchester Underground will be doing the dirt work behind the station for the new building. Once that is complete, O&R Buildings will start construction on the new storage building.

Building Commissioner – Report in packet.

Plan Commission – No meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No meeting. A meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Traffic Commission –

Parks & Recreation – Report in packet. Park Director Jennifer Hotchkiss reported that spring break camp is going well this week. The annual Easter egg hunt will be Saturday morning in Warvel Park.

Town Life Center –

Tree Advisory – Report in packet

Grow Wabash County –

Redevelopment Commission – Clerk-Treasurer Mugford presented the annual report of RDC activity to the council. This report does not require any action, but must be presented to the legislative body. President Smith reported that the RDC continues to work on a new residential housing tax increment financing district.

MEDCOR –

Solid Waste – Nothing to report.

Storm Water Board –

Public Works – Water Superintendent Ryan Shock reported that the department has been busy preparing for water main replacement projects in conjunction with two bridge projects. Also pricing a water main replacement on Wabash Road. Street Superintendent Craig Walters reported that Gaunt and Son will be in town milling and paving later this month. This will complete the 2021 Community Crossing Match Grant projects. Spring clean-up starts May 1 on the east side of town and tox-away is May 6 at the street barn.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Mugford reported that the Grant Street project should be complete April 10. The South Mill Street pavilion concrete slab is poured. That project should be done by the end of the month except grass and seeding. The dog park fencing is complete. Now the locks and wifi and other amenities will be installed.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Financial Reports – Approved subject to audit.
2. Claims - The Town claim docket totaling \$604,587.14 and the Public Works docket totaling \$503,450.24 were submitted for payment. Motion to pay our obligations: Rager/Miracle. Motion passes unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF N. MANCHESTER

Jim Smith, President

Laura Rager, Vice-President

Tom Dale

Allen Miracle

Gary Montel

ATTEST

Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer