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CARECEN SF Joins DREAMERS in Celebrating SCOTUS Ruling Keeping DACA Program in Place

San Francisco, June 18, 2020 – Today the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program also known as DACA has lifted a painful burden for our nation’s *DREAMERS*, caused by the Trump Administration’s cruel cancelation of DACA. Recipients of this program and immigrant rights advocates have remained steady, united and effective in the work of organizing, advancing, and protecting the rights of ALL individuals, children, youth and families in the nation.

We express our utmost admiration and appreciation to all the plaintiffs, attorneys and allies involved in litigating this case and for advancing justice in the United States! Your work and sacrifice made a difference for countless lives, and our nation is better for it.

“DACA has allowed over 700,000 human beings to have an opportunity in life. As a DACA recipient, I have been able to live without fear of deportation and have leveraged my story to build political momentum to push for humane immigration reform with a path to citizenship. As a leader, I will continue to work towards humanizing the story of immigrants and fight to dismantle systemic racism in this country.” said DACA Recipient Sarah Souza, President of SF Latino Democratic Club.

Laura Sanchez, CARECEN SF’s Immigration Legal Program Director said the following: *“Today’s ruling confirms what we have known, the Administration’s attempt to cancel the DACA program was illegal. We applaud the Supreme Court of the United States for recognizing the rights of DACA recipients.”*

This ruling marks a well-deserved celebration for DACA recipients and their supporters and our work continues. Moving forward, we will continue to unite across all communities for a common vision of social justice. We affirm our commitment to join the work of pressuring the U.S. Congress to legislate a path to permanent status for DACA and TPS recipients as well as the 11 million undocumented immigrants living and making positive contributions.

There are solid examples of legislation that will protect TPS, DACA, and DED beneficiaries and their families. Existing proposals include the *American Dream and Promise Act of 2019* (H.R.6) in the House of Representatives and the *Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency Act or the SECURE Act (S2144)* and the *Dream Act of 2017 (S1615)* in the Senate. **We urge all of our federal legislators and representatives to move TPS, DACA and DED beneficiaries towards Legal Permanent Residency and a pathway to citizenship now!** The time has come for Congress to take action to protect this population and their U.S.-born children.

The following event will be taking place today and is convened by the San Francisco Latino Task Force, The Mission Community Response Network, local allies and community:

WE STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS CELEBRATION

12pm (Noon)

Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse

450 Golden Gate Ave.

San Francisco, California 94102

CARECENSF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving; where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life.

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