



Resolution

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

RESOLUTION NO. 411

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA
OPPOSING THE GUEST WORKER PROGRAM. THE CITY OF SAN
LUIS, BEING AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY WHOSE CITIZENS
DEPEND ON THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD,
TAKES THE POSITION THAT A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE WOULD
NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY OR ITS
CITIZENS.**

The City of San Luis is the fastest growing city in Yuma County, Arizona; is bordered on the west by the Colorado River and on the south by the Republic of Mexico; has a population of approximately 15,000, 90% of whom are of Hispanic origin, 70% of whom are in agriculture or agriculture-related businesses, and is a city which has 70%-plus unemployment.

That the "Guest Worker" proposal advanced by Arizona Governor Jane D. Hull seeks to combat illegal immigration while easing U.S. labor shortages and has as a cornerstone the understanding that agricultural, hotel, restaurant and construction industries in Arizona rely heavily on illegal immigrants for labor;

That the Guest Worker program does not address the many abuses that occurred in the implementation of the bracero program;

That the Guest Worker program is believed by the City of San Luis to only exacerbate the unemployment situation of 70% of its citizens who are currently unemployed, and that the Governor should be exploring avenues to utilize this existing labor force rather than importing labor from another country;

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That before we use creative endeavors to find work for workers from another nation, perhaps these creative efforts ought to be utilized to reduce unemployment in cities such as San Luis, Arizona.

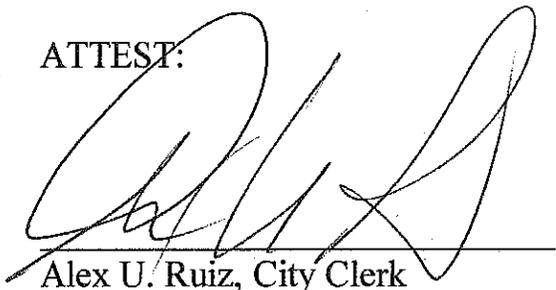
BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona that the City formally opposes implementation of the Guest Worker program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 1999.



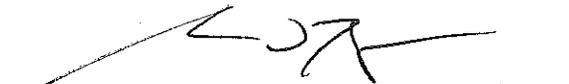
Alex Joe Harper, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alex U. Ruiz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gerald W. Hunt, City Attorney