

October 15, 2025



U.S. REGULAR MAIL/PERSONAL COURIER

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 2468, LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF SAN PABLO

Dear Senator Padilla,

On behalf of the City of San Pablo City Council, I write in support of ***S. 2468, the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act*** (the Act). This important federal legislation would provide a permanent pathway to lawful permanent residence (LPR) for individuals who have lived continuously in the United States for at least seven years. We are grateful for your leadership in reintroducing this measure.

The Act updates and modernizes the long-standing “registry” mechanism within the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). As you know, the registry has not been revised in over 50 years and currently applies only to individuals who arrived before 1972. By expanding eligibility, the Act would finally allow long-term residents, including many visa holders waiting decades for their priority dates, to adjust their status to LPR without further delay.

Across the nation, an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants live and work in our local communities. They contribute to our economy, pay taxes, fill longstanding labor market gaps, and, in many cases, serve honorably in the US armed forces.

Here in San Pablo, our City has worked hard to develop and ensure a relationship of community trust and partnership with our large immigrant community. The very fabric of our City is interwoven with residents from diverse backgrounds, representing many races and ethnicities that come from a wide range of origins. In fact, San Pablo has 39.5% of its total population designated as foreign-born, with 58.4% of these foreign-born residents designated as an undocumented population under the 2022 US Census/ACS Survey.¹

These neighbors are integral to the fabric of our local community, and their hard work and dedication should be recognized through a fair and accessible pathway to permanent status.

¹ Source: US Census figures, ACS 2022, 5-year Estimates

Attachment: City Council Resolution #2017-045

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We applaud your leadership in championing S. 2468 and its House companion, H.R. 4696, and respectfully urge you to continue working to advance this critical legislation. Updating the registry is a practical and overdue reform that would strengthen our communities, stabilize families, and honor the contributions of long-term residents who call this country home.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue and for your ongoing commitment to immigrant communities in California and across the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arturo Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arturo" and last name "Cruz" clearly distinguishable.

Arturo Cruz, Mayor
City of San Pablo

cc: San Pablo City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Assistant City Manager
Police Chief

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