

Resolution against the cruel immigration policies of the Trump administration

WHEREAS, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee is a body that fosters a culture of inclusion which celebrates, mobilizes, and builds equality, diversity, justice and the rule of law;

WHEREAS, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee welcomes immigrants as future American citizens, recognizes immigration as a necessary lifeblood in reasonable, constructive, healthy societies, and acknowledges the many contributions of immigrant communities to the richness and vibrancy of American society;

WHEREAS, The United States has always welcomed and empowered those seeking protection from tyranny and therefore the Loudoun County Democratic Committee regards the stigmatization or criminalization of any refugee seeking asylum from the ravages of civil war, violence, injustice or oppression as inherently immoral and un-American;

WHEREAS, The right to seek asylum is codified in US and international law, and is a basic human right, and is a form of legal immigration; which right must be afforded due process of law;

WHEREAS, The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), and NumbersUSA have for decades promoted a vicious, reactionary nativism appealing to fear and ignorance contrary to the "better angels of our nature" as Americans;

WHEREAS, FAIR, CIS, and NumbersUSA have continually called for sharp decreases in lawful immigration, perpetuated a narrative that immigrants must prove themselves before being admitted and that immigration is harmful to the national identity of the United States, called immigrants thieves, criminals, job stealers, and opportunists, created political terminology with no basis in law or fact designed to further their radically nativist views on aspiring Americans, have advocated for laws and policies that de-document as many immigrants as possible, and supported detention and deportation as the only solutions to the problems they describe;

WHEREAS, FAIR, CIS, and NumbersUSA have been instrumental in legitimating the Trump administration's brutal and inhumane immigration policies, which result in the separation of children from their parents when entering the United States, frequently including those seeking asylum;

WHEREAS, The immoral and illegal practice of separating and incarcerating families seeking asylum in the United States appears to be the brainchild of White House Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller, whose connections to white nationalist organizations are well established;

WHEREAS, The threat of criminal prosecution and deportation that has been adopted by the Trump administration not only adopts cruelty as policy, but criminalizes the very right to seek asylum, safety, and a better future for themselves and their families in the United States; Therefore be it:

RESOLVED, On this, the 26th day of July, 2018, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee vociferously condemns the Trump administration's policies allowing forcible separation of parents from their children and subjecting them to deportation, and decries the planned and ongoing incarceration of entire families, including children

RESOLVED, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee demands the immediate termination of White House Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Miller.

RESOLVED, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee hereby urgently appeals to Virginia's delegation to the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to act immediately to stand against, and work to curtail the administration's discretion to separate and incarcerate refugee families and subject them to deportation without independent legal representation and due process of law, and work to reunite separated families as expeditiously as possible.

RESOLVED, The Loudoun County Democratic Committee demands that all displaced persons and their families be allowed to seek asylum free of impediment as required in 8 US. Code 1158.