

RESOLUTION NO. R2018.08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, RELATING TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 13767: DECLARING MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BORDER WALL ALONG THE US- MEXICO BORDER

Whereas, the City of Tempe and its Mayor and Council champion the core values of tolerance and inclusiveness; and,

Whereas, the Trump administration has proposed through Executive Order 13767 to build a wall along the entire US-Mexico border; and,

Whereas, the US-Mexico border is now more secure than it has ever been and apprehensions in the border region are reportedly at historic lows; and,

Whereas, tens of billions of dollars that would be spent to construct a border wall could better be used to address the nation's pressing needs in infrastructure, as well as healthcare, housing and education; and,

Whereas, the border is a unique region with a diverse and rich environment and the existing border wall is doing significant damage to the environment, as it has caused the destruction of critical wildlife habitat, extensive soil erosion, and led to catastrophic flooding. Expanding on the wall will only increase the environmental damage done along our border; and,

Whereas, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona has adopted a resolution opposing the construction of a border wall on tribal lands without the consent of the affected tribes, finding that a continuous, physical wall on the border would divide historic tribal lands and communities, prevent tribal members from making traditional crossings, injure endangered and culturally significant plants, and disturb and destroy tribal archaeological, sacred sites, and human remains;

Whereas, a border wall will increase tensions with Mexico, one of our nation's and region's largest trading partners and the proposed wall is a threat to the economic and cultural vitality of our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor and Council oppose Executive Order 13767 and all associated actions calling for the construction of a wall or continuous physical barrier along the US – Mexico border and ask President Donald Trump and Congress instead invest in our nation’s infrastructure, housing, healthcare and education needs.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tempe, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brigitta M. Kuiper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney