

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-119**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK EXPRESSING ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO LAWFULLY COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IN IMPLEMENTING THESE POLICIES**

**WHEREAS**, there is an ever-increasing number of unauthorized migrants living in the United States without legal immigration status, with estimates ranging as high as 11 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that unauthorized migrants have caused a significant net fiscal drain on public funds, paying less in taxes than they consume in public services; and

**WHEREAS**, the influx of unauthorized migrants has overwhelmed many communities by consuming already limited affordable housing, crowding classrooms, and increasing the strain on food banks, transit, and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised that illegal immigration threatens the safety and well-being of American citizens, if simply for the fact that unauthorized migrants who commit crimes should not be in the United States in the first place; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the City and County of Denver, Denver Public Schools, and other government agencies are reported to have spent a combined \$356 million serving migrants; and

**WHEREAS**, President-Elect Donald Trump has stated that he will declare a national emergency to carry out his campaign promise of mass deportations of all unauthorized migrants living in the United States without legal permission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock (the "Town") recognizes the need for federal, state, and local governments to cooperate and share resources to address this challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, the Town Council expressed its support for Douglas County and other concerned local governments in challenging the constitutionality of legislation enacted by the Colorado General Assembly that prohibits local law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Town and its residents to issue a public statement expressing both its strong support for the President-Elect's deportation proposal and its willingness to cooperate with federal immigration officials in implementing this proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

The Town Council wishes to express its strong support for President-Elect Donald Trump’s proposal to solve this nation’s ever-growing immigration crisis by undertaking mass deportations of unauthorized migrants. The Town Council further wishes to express its willingness to take whatever actions may be necessary within the bounds of federal, state, and local law to cooperate with federal immigration officials in this vitally important effort.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of \_\_\_ for and \_\_\_ against.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK**

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Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

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Jason Gray, Mayor

**Approved as to form:**

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Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney