

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 225

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGE RULE

**Whereas**, on October 10, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) redefining the meaning of "public charge". – a term used by federal immigration authorities to determine whether an individual seeking immigration status is likely to become primarily dependent on the federal government for subsistence; and

**Whereas**, the DHS also posted a proposed "public charge" regulation in the Federal Register (83 FR 51114), asking the public to submit comments during the 60-day public comment period, which spans from publication of the proposed rule change in the Federal Register on October 10, 2018, through December 10, 2018; and

**Whereas**, if adopted, the rule change proposal would expand the definition of public charge to include non-cash benefits, such as nutrition assistance, housing subsidies, healthcare programs such as Medicaid; and

**Whereas**, many families not subject to a public charge determination may nevertheless choose to forgo benefits for which they qualify, out of fear that their status could otherwise be in jeopardy; and

**Whereas**, families avoiding these services could compromise the health, well-being and safety of all Solano County residents and adding additional barriers to accessing programs will drive up poverty among families with children and have lasting consequences on the well-being of immigrant families and the communities in which they live.

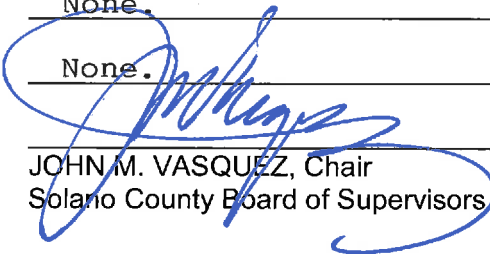
**Resolved**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the public charge rule change and remains committed to delivering important public services and benefits to every one of our residents, regardless of immigration status.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on November 13, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Hannigan, Brown, Spering, Thomson  
and Chair Vasquez

NOES: SUPERVISORS None.

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS None.

  
JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:   
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk