

BAY COUNTY (FLA.) REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2007-04

ASSERTING BAY COUNTY'S 2007 COMMITMENT TO ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAW

WHEREAS, the Immigration Issues which we Americans are confronting today are increasingly serious, and are not going away; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are presently perhaps 12,000,000-to-22,000,000 illegal aliens living and working in these United States; and

WHEREAS, our Bay County Sheriff, Frank McKeithen, during the past year or so has become increasingly concerned about the threats to public safety in Bay County posed by the growing number of illegal aliens, so many of whom cannot read English and/or do not have driver's licenses and/or do not have motor vehicle insurance and/or have falsely pilfered a citizen's personal identification information (which, in turn, has been regularly used falsely to obtain jobs) and/or live, so many with children, "off the books" with too many clustered in single-family homes and with too many living in the shadowy world of fees-to-cash-their-checks, and also rampant loan sharking, as well as an understandable fear of being discovered, which results in inadequate medical care for the adults and for their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BAY COUNTY (FLA.) REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN REGULAR SESSION, hereby approves and adopts the following-listed substantive positions regarding the current Immigration Issues, to-wit:

1. - that the Bay County Florida Republican Executive Committee commends our Sheriff, Frank McKeithen, and his Staff of Deputies, for their ongoing effort to locate and arrest when charged with a violation of Florida Law illegal immigrants--whether at job-sites or elsewhere; and

2. - that our State Attorney, Steve Meadows, is encouraged to prosecute charges brought against the illegal aliens, as well as against their employers; and

3. - that our Florida Attorney General, Bill McCollum, is encouraged to issue an Attorney General Opinion that confirms the authority of the Sheriff, as well as the 14th Circuit State Attorney, to arrest and prosecute persons believed to be illegal aliens; and that such actions are entirely lawful and not in violation of the Federal Primacy Doctrine; and

4. - that our Florida Legislative Delegation--during the approaching Special Legislative Session--will recognize that Bay County's coastal and condominium character have made our County especially vulnerable to the problems arising from a shadowy illegal immigrant population; and that a Special Appropriation from the State's "Rainy Day Fund" is warranted to reimburse our law enforcement and judicial operations in order to cope with the illegal immigrant threats to public safety; and

5. - that our Federal Congressional delegation recognize that no new illegal alien legislation is needed until our Republic has begun to enforce the Federal legislation already "on the books," including the Employment Eligibility Verification System (which enables an employer to electronically obtain identification of a prospective new-hire), and to adequately fund at once the monies for providing the special Section 287(g) training for local law enforcement officers--in effect, a course in immigration law, which, in turn, will enable those so trained to be deputized as armed immigration agents; and

6. - that our Federal Congressional delegation call upon President Bush to instruct his Treasury Secretary to rescind his Executive Order that now authorizes banks in the U.S. to accept Mexican government identifications--without more--for the purpose of opening new bank accounts here by illegal Mexican aliens; and

7. - that our Bay County Commission, without further delay, adopt an Ordinance that makes any violation, by tenants and/or by landlords, of residential occupancy caps, whether created by zoning and/or land-use covenants or declarations, a civil infraction, with our County and Circuit Courts empowered not just to issue a civil infraction citation, but to also issue injunctions that will end the problem and restore the sanctity of the zoning or covenant or declaration.

**ADOPTED BY THE BAY COUNTY (FLORIDA) REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
IN REGULAR SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007.**

BAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

ATTEST: _____
ANITA SALAK,
Secretary

BY: _____
TED HANEY,
Chairman