



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Immigrant Advocacy Day

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Recognize Immigrant Advocacy Day.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to recognize Immigrant Advocacy Day.

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

Immigrant Advocacy Day is hosted by the Washington immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN), a multi-lingual, multicultural coalition and network of over 400 immigrant leaders, allies, and immigrant serving organizations, that supports and builds power for immigrants and refugees across Washington State through direct services, education, organizing, policy advocacy, and funding. They are a queer and trans immigrant-led nonprofit building a strong, connected, immigrant-led justice movement to dismantle oppressive systems and ensure a life of abundance for all immigrants.

This day brings hundreds of organizations and individuals to Olympia to advocate for pro-immigrant policies to support all Washington residents.

#### **Climate Analysis:**

There are no impacts to any of the climate mitigation sectors.

**Equity Analysis:**

Immigrants are often excluded from the same resources and benefits provided by the government to others. Especially during a time of rising anti-immigrant sentiment, it is meaningful to support networking, organizing, and supporting efforts that immigrant communities and allies and an important part of an intersectional push toward ending oppressive systems of all kinds.

**Options:**

1. Recognize Immigrant Advocacy Day 2023
2. Do not recognize Immigrant Advocacy Day 2023

**Financial Impact:**

No financial impact

**Attachments:**

Proclamation