

City Council Meeting – Public Comment 6/20/17

Good afternoon City Council and Mayor Turner, and fellow citizens of Houston,

I come to address you a second time in two week as a follow up – the last time I came, it was to request your signature on a petition for a father of 3 young ladies, Juan Rodriguez, who is due to be deported in less than two weeks. I cannot help but call your attention to the fact that not a single one of you have signed the petition to help keep this man and this family here. You still have time to sign it. You still have time to keep this family together. If you have become numb to the voices requesting that you add the city of Houston to the lawsuit against SB4, then pay attention to the ripples being caused before this law takes affect. Its not September 1<sup>st</sup> yet. But June 29<sup>th</sup> is right around corner.

You have work to do. You can either help stop a law that is willing to take apart our families, a law that makes the jobs of police, doctors, social workers and teachers that much harder in working with our youth, or you can keep dealing with people like me from now on – coming at you biweekly, describing to you the profiles and names of family members who are negatively affected by this and asking you to sign their petitions. And if you do nothing, there will be more petitions requesting your help in keeping more family members here. Make no mistake, the hard work is at your feet as it is on ours. We have to stand together to protect our children and their families. In your emails, I have attached this comment and the petition for your review.