

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 5

In Support of Making Cornell a Sanctuary Campus

November 29, 2016

1 **Sponsored by: Ekarina Winarto: Graduate and Professional Student Representative; UA**
2 **Ranking Member**

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4 **On Behalf Of: The University Assembly Executive Committee**

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6 **Whereas,** Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have circulated a petition to make Cornell a
7 sanctuary campus;¹

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9 **Whereas,** more than 2,000 Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have already signed and
10 shown their support for the Cornell petition;

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12 **Whereas,** such petitions are also circulating at over 100 other colleges and universities across the
13 country;²

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15 **Whereas,** more than 90 college and university presidents and chancellors from across the U.S. have
16 already signed a statement calling for the continuation and expansion of the Deferred Action
17 for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program;^{3,4}

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19 **Whereas,** following the United States presidential election on November 8, 2016, there has been an
20 increase in the frequency of recorded events of discriminatory and hateful action against
21 people of color, queer people, immigrants, Muslims, and other historically marginalized
22 people on and off college campuses across the U.S.;^{5,6,7}

¹<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX2Ei5TNjwCqtTDw0yYMH2ZEWDTeVcaPVjPVwtZ4vETssl-g/viewform?c=0&w=1> See attached petition with signed names

² http://www.chronicle.com/article/Could-Colleges-Become/238442?key=4Rkr4qKcf4rcS4jgH7bQLp4noe9c_BKzBFgBSMEi_k5K6_gBdJmxhCgr5EGF03ySWNq0DJ5alNSc2tLbjdhVjJDOG1PSWpPWEedKX2NpQ3pyeldxYU1GeXhyYw

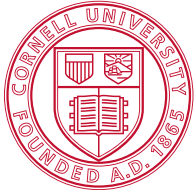
³ <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/11/21/college-presidents-call-continuation-obama-administration-program-protecting>

⁴ We note that neither Cornell's interim-President nor President-elect has signed this letter as of Nov 21, 2016.

⁵ <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/11/12/post-election-spate-hate-crimes-worse-than-post-911-experts-say/93681294/>

⁶ <https://medium.com/@seanokane/day-1-in-trumps-america-9e4d58381001#.51zgm6ue3>

⁷ <http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/hate-on-the-rise-after-trumps-election>



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24 **Whereas**, President Rawlings himself has also announced continued support of DACA students
25 currently on Financial Aid, and a commitment to protect diversity on campus;
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27 **Whereas**, The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly has unanimously passed a similar
28 resolution in support of the same petition;
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30 **Resolved**, that the UA as a body fully endorses the sentiments expressed in the petition, “Make
31 Cornell a Sanctuary Campus,” and asks for ~~demands~~ requests made in the petition to be
32 considered individually.
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34 **Be it finally resolved**, that the UA calls on Cornell administration to respond directly and make
35 more explicit commitments on issues of safety and community as they specifically affect
36 historically marginalized communities.

**Adopted by a Vote of the Assembly (#Ayes – #Nays – #Abstentions),
Month DD, YYYY,**

Gabe Kaufman
Chair, University Assembly