

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

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

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

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

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

¹https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX2EI5TNjwCqtTDw0yYMH2ZEWDTCVcaPVjPVwtZ4vETssl_g/viewform?c=0&w=1

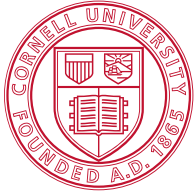
² http://www.chronicle.com/article/Could-Colleges-Become/238442?key=4Rkr4qKcf4rcS4jgH7bQLp4noe9c_BKzBFgBSMEi_k5K6_gBdJmxhCgr5EGF03ySWNq0DJ5alNSc2tLbjdhVjJDOG1PSWpPWEedKX2NpQ3pyeldxYU1GeXhyYw

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>



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25 **Whereas**, President Rawlings himself has also announced continued support of DACA students
26 currently on Financial Aid, and a commitment to protect diversity on campus;

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28 **Resolved**, that the UA as a body fully endorses the petition, “Make Cornell a Sanctuary Campus,”
29 and asks for demands made in the petition to be considered individually.

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31 **Be it finally resolved**, that the UA calls on Cornell administration to respond directly and make
32 more explicit commitments on issues of safety and community as they specifically affect
33 historically marginalized communities.

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

Gabe Kaufman

Chair, University Assembly

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