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Date: March 12, 2025

To: Mayor Christi Fraga  
Vice Mayor Maureen Porras  
Councilwoman Digna Cabral  
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

From: Councilman Rafael Pineyro

Subject: **Reaffirmed Support for the Venezuelan Adjustment Act and Response to TPS Suspension**

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## **Introduction**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all city officials and staff of the City of Doral's reaffirmed commitment to supporting the Venezuelan Adjustment Act reintroduction (H.R. 1348) and addressing concerns related to the recent suspension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelans.

## **Background**

The City of Doral is home to one of the largest Venezuelan communities in the United States. Many Venezuelan nationals have sought refuge in our city due to the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis in their home country. Their contributions to our economy, culture, and society are invaluable.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-111, which:

1. Reaffirms the City's Support for the Venezuelan Adjustment Act – This bipartisan legislation would allow eligible Venezuelan nationals to adjust their immigration status to lawful permanent residency, offering them stability and legal protections.
2. Urges Federal Action – The resolution calls on our federal representatives to advocate for policies that provide legal stability and pathways to permanent residency for Venezuelan nationals.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-55, which:

1. Expresses Concern Over the Suspension of TPS Protections – The recent suspension of TPS for Venezuelans has placed thousands of law abiding individuals and families at risk of deportation and financial instability.
2. Urging President Trump to Find Solution for Law Abiding Venezuelans

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. Reps. María Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Darren Soto (D-FL), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), and Frederica Wilson (D-FL) announced the reintroduction of the Venezuelan Adjustment Act (H.R. 1348), which would adjust the legal status for certain Venezuelan nationals to that of lawfully admitted permanent residence if they meet certain criteria, including entering the United States before or on December 31, 2021.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact.

### **Recommendation**

I seek your support in moving forward with the following actions:

- Official Communication– The City Clerk has been directed to transmit copies of this resolution to key federal legislators, including María Elvira Salazar, Darren Soto, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and Frederica Wilson, Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez and other South Florida congressional representatives, as well as Florida’s U.S. Senators.
- Community Engagement – The City of Doral will continue to work closely with local Venezuelan organizations and advocacy groups to provide resources and assistance to affected residents.
- Public Awareness – City staff is encouraged to help disseminate information about available legal resources and community support services for Venezuelans affected by TPS suspension.

The City of Doral remains committed to advocating for the rights and well-being of our Venezuelan residents. We urge our federal representatives to support the Venezuelan Adjustment Act and seek alternative solutions for those affected by the TPS suspension.