



Border Legislative Conference
Resolution 2005-01

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference is a binational mechanism of cooperation among legislators of the four U.S. border states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and the six Mexican border states of Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas;

WHEREAS, the United States – Mexico border region comprises a diverse and distinct population with historic ties that positively contribute to the economic, cultural, and social integration of the region;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference fosters the development of shared solutions along the border region through joint consideration of common concerns and exchange of information;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference seeks to establish efficient and strategic collaborative efforts with multi level governments and binational organizations to the end that border communities and state governments on both sides of the border may be strengthened and improved;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference supports the efforts of the federal and state governments of the United States and Mexico to balance the security needs of the border region while implementing policies that maintain an orderly and efficient flow of people and goods along U.S. and Mexico federal ports of entry;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference promotes a better understanding of the unique complexities and dynamics of the United States – Mexico border region, where the border is not a line that divides both countries but rather a bond that unites and invites all stakeholders to work together for mutual benefit;

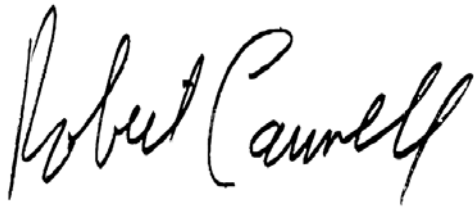
WHEREAS, local, state and federal governments in the United States and Mexico have made progress and have achieved an unprecedented level of bilateral cooperation on shared and complex cross-border concerns such as drug interdiction, border security, health, the environment, water, economic development, and transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference is concerned about the current impasse in the United States Congress on the topic of immigration, as well as the lack of progress on practical and comprehensive legislative solutions to address this important matter;

WHEREAS, the Border Legislative Conference encourages all levels of government along both sides of the United States and Mexico region to maintain an open dialogue and implement public policies that improve the social and economic conditions of the border region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Border Legislative Conference urges the federal governments of the United States and Mexico to accelerate an open and positive dialogue on the topic of immigration.

Adopted this 9th of April 2005 at the Tenth Forum of the Border Legislative Conference in San Diego, California.

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Senator Robert Cannell, Arizona
Chair, Border Legislative Conference

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Galindo Meza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Diputado Carlos Galindo Meza, Sonora
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference