

Esperanza: SCOTUS Upholds DACA

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Today the Supreme Court upheld DACA. A refute of the hateful policies and dehumanizing attacks lead by the Trump administration against immigrants since 2016. We rejoice in the power of community and stand with the thousands of Dreamers and their families who have carried the weight and burden of not knowing whether their dreams would be validated. We stand with Latinx who, are the future of Dane County and the future of this country. We also recommit to continuing to advance equal protection for Latinx and all immigrants and refugees. We stand with the young people at Centro, with women and men who we see in our agency each day – the backbone of this community. We stand with our resilient undocumented community that has relentlessly carried so much during these months of crisis and before.

The upholding of DACA signals yet another turning point in the fight for permanent justice. People are waking up these days... to the country we have been. A country divided where communities of color have been invisible, not even counted, not even considered. At Centro, we have and will always stand squarely in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives. I ask you to consider, what does it mean for you to stand with us in community?

Our hope is that the movement across communities will continue. That elected leaders will move beyond statements and make the authentic, courageous decisions to ensure we thrive and that the systems will finally be in line with community voice and well-being.

Communities of color need more than empathy. Let us take this opportunity and move beyond learning and discomfort and start acting. Now more than ever, we need to act, innovate, create change. What we need is to feel your urgency – how will you leverage your power to ensure Black lives do matter and that there is equal opportunity for dreams across all Black and Brown communities.

Let there never be any doubt that Centro will always be in support of justice, and a dignified humanity. We celebrate today and will continue working towards our vision of a thriving, grounded, vibrant community in Dane County. Join us.

With much gratitude,

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