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**FAIR Issues Immigration Policy Transition Plan  
 for the New Administration and Congress**

**I**n the expectation of a new administration focused on promoting the public interest in immigration policy, FAIR prepared a detailed transition plan laying out achievable short- and long-term policy goals for all aspects of immigration policy. The transition plan was unveiled at a Washington news conference that was covered by many of the nation’s leading news outlets.

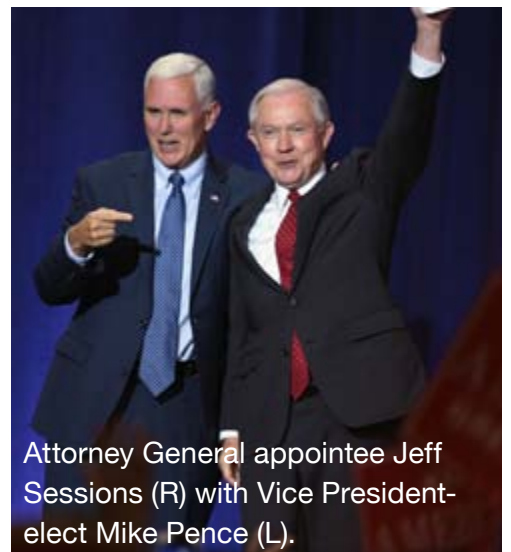
Among the recommendations for addressing the mass illegal immigration

crisis, FAIR’s “Immigration Priorities for the 2017 Presidential Transition” urges undoing the egregious abuses of executive power by President Obama, mandating E-Verify use, and strengthening border security and immigration law enforcement. The transition plan also calls for a public interest overhaul of the nation’s legal immigration system led by a reduction in overall immigrant admittance to the United States.

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**Jeff Sessions: True Immigration Reform Advocate to  
 Head Department of Justice.**

**P**resident-elect Donald Trump’s first cabinet appointment was the selection of Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions to serve as attorney general. During his 20-year career in the United States Senate, Sessions stood out as the pre-eminent voice for true immigration reform and as an tireless advocate for the interests of the American people in immigration policy. Throughout the 2016 campaign, Sessions was a key advisor to Trump on immigration policy — an issue that was instrumental in Trump’s election. As U.S. Attorney



Attorney General appointee Jeff Sessions (R) with Vice President-elect Mike Pence (L).

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## The Voters have Spoken and...Sanctuary Jurisdiction Politicians Don't Care

On Nov. 8, Voters responded to Donald Trump's call for enhanced immigration enforcement by electing him president. Almost immediately after the race was called, local elected officials in sanctuary jurisdictions around the country responded by telling American voters that they don't care, pledging to redouble their efforts to shield illegal aliens — including criminal aliens — from federal immigration enforcement.

Their defiant response to the will of the voters is hardly surprising. Much the same defiance of the public will (not to mention public safety) was displayed when San Francisco's sanctuary policies led directly to the killing of Kate Steinle.

During his campaign, President-elect Trump repeatedly supported conditioning federal funding on cities' willingness to cooperate with federal immigration officials. Trump vowed to "end the sanctuary cities" and said those "that refuse to cooperate with federal authorities will not receive taxpayer dollars." With the



threat of a presidential veto under President Obama, congressional Republicans balked at withholding certain federal funds from sanctuary jurisdictions. With that threat removed, Congress will have no excuse for not taking action against jurisdictions that obstruct immigration enforcement.

Among those sanctuary advocates striking a defiant tone was Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Emanuel stated, "To all those who are... very nervous and filled with anxiety as we've spoken to, you are safe in Chicago, you are secure in Chicago, and you are supported in Chicago." To be clear, Emanuel was not referring to Chicago residents who are nervous and filled with anxiety because of the city's burgeoning crime and murder rate. He was speaking to illegal aliens, including those who commit crimes in his city. "Chicago will always be a sanctuary city," he assured them. Similar statements were issued by mayors of other cities, including Bill de Blasio in New York and Eric Garcetti in Los Angeles.

In what amounts to a symbolic act, University of California President

Janet Napolitano, who resolutely refused to enforce immigration laws when she ran DHS, assured illegal aliens on campus that the schools would shield them from potential enforcement under the Trump administration. "While we still do not know what policies and practices the incoming federal administration may adopt... we felt it necessary to reaffirm that [UC] will act upon its deeply held conviction that all members of our community have the right to work, study, and live safely and without fear at all UC locations," Napolitano said, ignoring the fact that illegal aliens do not have a right to work, study or live in the United States.

Notwithstanding the bluster from sanctuary city mayors or university presidents, the Trump administration will have the authority to enforce immigration laws anywhere in the United States and the federal government will have the ability to withhold appropriate funding, or even file suit against jurisdictions that impede federal immigration enforcement.

## FAIR TRANSITION PLAN *continued*

### Highlights from the report:

- Repeal all Obama administration executive policy decisions that have effectively exempted nearly 90 percent of all immigration law violators from enforcement, including the unconstitutional Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- Enact legislation that removes incentives and rewards for illegal immigration. These include mandatory use of E-Verify by employers to ensure that U.S. jobs are filled by legal workers; eliminate non-emergency, nonessential public benefits and services to illegal aliens; implement already legislated biometric entry/exit requirements; end "birthright citizenship" for the children of illegal aliens and birth tourists.
- Foreclose the possibility of amnesty for immigration law violators.
- Enhance border security, including additional border infrastructure and manpower.
- Enhance enforcement against immigration law violators. While removal of criminal and dangerous foreign nationals must remain a priority, all illegal aliens must be subject to removal.



The full blueprint for true immigration reform under the incoming administration and the 115th Congress can be found at FAIR's website, FAIRus.org.

- End to sanctuary jurisdictions that illegally impede or obstruct immigration enforcement, including the denial of certain federal funds to those jurisdictions.
- Reduce overall immigration levels to more historic norms of about 300,000 annually. Significantly reducing overall levels of immigration is consistent with the recommendations of the Jordan Commission in the 1990s, which was endorsed by President Bill Clinton.
- End to family chain migration by limiting family-based immigration to spouses and unmarried minor children of the principal immigrant.
- Implement a merit-based selection system that places all prospective immigrants, regardless of race, religion or national origin on a level playing field.

### SESSIONS FOR AG *continued*

General, Sessions will wield enormous influence both as an advisor to the president and as the nation's top law enforcement officer.

Under President Obama, the Department of Justice (DOJ) was used to advance the administration's political agenda on immigration — suing state and local governments that attempted to assist in immigration enforcement, while ignoring illegal sanctuary policies that obstructed immigration enforcement. With Sessions at the helm, we will likely see firm federal efforts to rein in sanctuary policies and greater cooperation with state and local governments that seek an active role in deterring illegal immigration.

In the Senate, Sessions spearheaded successful efforts to derail massive amnesty legislation under both Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. In 2006, 2007 and again in 2013, Sessions argued passionately against legislation that promoted the interests of illegal aliens and cheap labor employers over those of the American people.

FAIR worked closely with Sessions and his staff during these legislative battles and we look forward to working with him, as attorney general, to ensure that immigration laws that were enacted to protect the interests and security of the American people are carried out.

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## FAIR Exit Polling Finds Support for Trump Immigration Positions, Including Among Hispanics and Union Members

Immigration featured prominently in the 2016 election, and in no other recent election was there as sharp a distinction between the positions of the two candidates vying for the presidency. According to a nationwide exit poll conducted on behalf of FAIR, President-elect Donald Trump's positions on immigration were generally favored by voters, including two key demographics that normally break in favor of Democrats: Hispanics and union members.

The poll confirmed that immigration weighed heavily on the minds of voters when they cast their ballots. In response to the question, "When deciding which candidates to support in this election, how important were their positions on immigration?" 84.6 percent responded that it was either very important (43.8%) or somewhat important (40.8%). More than half of Trump voters (51.5%) said it was a very important factor in their voting decision, compared with 37.9 percent of Clinton voters who rated immigration as "very important."

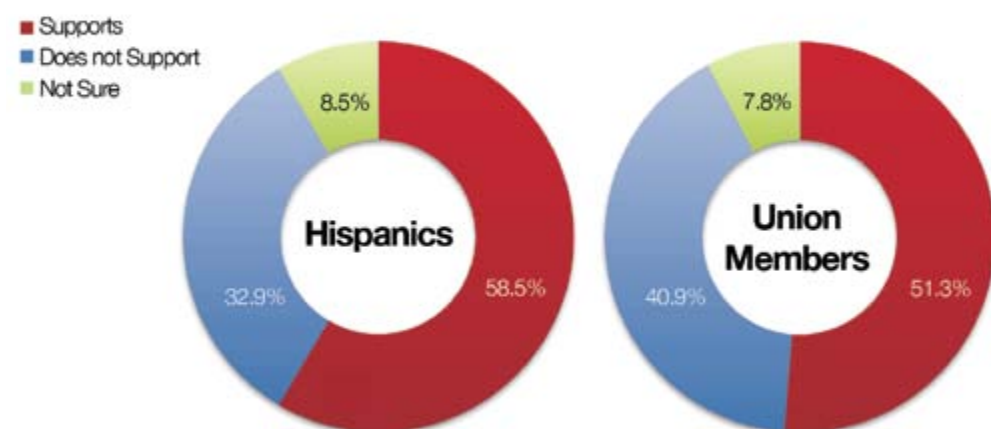
During the course of the campaign, Hillary Clinton promised less immigration enforcement and greater exercise of executive power to allow illegal aliens to remain in the United States. These views, which were largely shared by the Democratic leadership, were out of step with those of the voters, including many self-identified Democrats. Overall, 56.8 percent of voters think that Obama-era enforcement policies are too lax, compared with just 10 percent who think they are too strict.

Those positions hurt Secretary Clinton across the board. The view that we are not doing enough to enforce immigration laws is shared by many core Democratic constituencies. Among Hispanic voters 36.3 percent said immigration enforcement is "too lax," while 18.3 percent said it is "too strict." Another important Democratic constituency, union members, favored more enforcement over less enforcement by a 63.1 percent to 9.3 percent margin. Overall, 30.2 percent of Democrats believe

we are not doing enough to enforce immigration laws, compared with 15.5 percent who think we are doing too much.

Despite fierce opposition to President-elect Trump's stances on immigration from Hispanic leadership organizations and labor unions, the exit polling suggest that those positions helped him among those demographics. A majority of Hispanic voters, 58.5 percent, said they supported his views on immigration, compared with 32.9 percent who disagreed with him on immigration. Likewise, a majority of union members, 51.3 percent, favored Trump's immigration positions, compared with 40.9 who opposed them.

Voter Support for Trump Immigration Policies



Though Trump did not win either of those voting groups (according to other national exit polls), he narrowed the margins considerably from the 2012 election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. These narrower margins, particularly in Rust Belt swing states, helped Trump pick up those key Electoral College voters. Overall, Hispanic voters favored Clinton over Trump, but not because of his views on immigration as Hispanic leaders and pundits had warned. Moreover, he did better among Hispanic voters than Romney did in 2012. Union members favored Clinton by an eight point margin, considerably smaller than the advantage President Obama enjoyed in 2012.

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# Across the Country

## New York

In 2014, New York City unveiled a program that issues identification cards to people who are ineligible for New York driver's licenses or other official state IDs. In other words, IDs for illegal aliens. Aside from the objectionable nature of the nation's largest city facilitating violation of federal immigration laws, the IDNYC cards are issued based on information that the city cannot verify. Now, with the election of Donald Trump, Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced that the city may destroy the records of people who have received IDNYCs. "We made very clear there would never be a situation where it would lead to their deportation. We are going to keep that pledge. And it's also part of our law, stated very clearly in the legislation. So we will follow through on that," stated the mayor. Destroying the records does not imply that the cards will be invalidated, or that the city will stop issuing them. To the contrary, de Blasio announced that the city will encourage more people to sign up for the cards. Two New York Assembly members, Ron Castorina (R-Staten Island) and Nicole Milliotakis (R-Staten Island), announced plans to sue New York City to prevent the destruction of IDNYC records. "This city, this state and this country for that matter should never be put in a position where they are less safe for some political agenda," said Castorina.

## Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland's largest city, is joining the list of sanctuary jurisdictions that issues municipal identification cards to illegal aliens. The Baltimore City Council is expected to approve a measure to grant city-issued IDs to illegal aliens. Out-going Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is expected to sign the legislation as one of her final acts in office. (Final approval of the bill was not complete as of the final deadline of the current issue of the FAIR newsletter). The measure's sponsor, Councilman Brandon Scott, openly admits that the card is designed to serve the interests of illegal aliens. Scott said "making life easier for immigrants — those who are here with or without legal documentation — is a strength of the legislation," reported the Baltimore Sun.

## Florida

In 2014 the Florida Legislature approved a bill granting in-state tuition benefits to illegal aliens attending public colleges and universities. Gov. Rick Scott proclaimed it "a historic day" when he signed the legislation into law. It may have been a historic day, but apparently a lot of Florida taxpayers don't agree that it was a good day in their state's history. State Senator Greg Steube (R-Sarasota) and Rep. Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota) have filed legislation to repeal tuition subsidies to illegal aliens. "It is certainly a big issue in my district among my constituents, who were frustrated and upset that the state would allow undocumented illegal immigrants to receive taxpayer-supported in-state tuition," said Steube.

FAIR EXIT POLL *continued*

As the Democratic Party's own post-mortem indicates, their party failed to appeal to working class voters in this election. FAIR's exit polling data indicate that voters generally believe that our immigration laws are not being adequately enforced to protect the interests of the American

people. Moreover, the data suggest that the failure of our political system to institute reasonable limits on immigration, and the refusal of the Obama administration to enforce laws against illegal immigration are important contributing factors to the erosion of the middle class.

As such, true immigration reform which includes reductions in overall immigration, changes in how we select immigrants, and improved enforcement, should enjoy support from core constituencies within both political parties.

## John Kelly, DHS Nominee, Brings Strong Credentials on Border and Immigration Enforcement

The choice of Retired General John Kelly to run the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is a clear indication that under the incoming Trump administration homeland security will actually be the primary focus of the department. Gen. Kelly's experience as commander of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), as well as his combat role in the Middle East — the cradle of global jihad — provides him with firsthand knowledge of the security threats that the nation faces.



Kelly briefs reporters at the Pentagon.

As former commander of SOUTHCOM, Kelly has dealt with security challenges that are exacerbated by our nation's porous borders and by political policies that have served as an inducement for people to cross our borders illegally. As secretary of DHS, his role will be to oversee the construction of the border security infrastructure President-elect Trump has promised to put in place, and to eliminate policies, like catch-and-release,

that have triggered a surge of illegal immigration across the southern border.

As secretary of DHS, Kelly will not only be charged with preventing people from entering the country illegally, but also with ensuring that the people who are legally admitted are properly vetted. Top national security officials have publicly testified that we do not have the capacity to screen out security threats from collapsed societies like Syria, Afghanistan, and Somalia. Despite these warnings, the Obama administration has simultaneously increased the intake of refugees from that part of the world and truncated the normal 18-24 month vetting process to just three months.

Kelly is a combat veteran with intimate knowledge of the enemy's reliance on asymmetrical warfare to inflict harm on the United States and other Western nations. The sorts of tactics that took a deadly toll on troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan (including Kelly's own son) have been threatened and carried out by ISIS and other terror networks in the West.

Other key positions within DHS, particularly directors of critical agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Patrol, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, have not been filled as of the deadline for the current issue of the FAIR newsletter. However, FAIR is optimistic that these important posts will be filled by appointees who understand the importance of immigration enforcement to the security of the nation.

## Illegal Alien Advocacy Network's Strategy for Trump Administration: Tie the System in Knots (and Make You Pay for It)

By every conceivable measure, the open borders and illegal alien advocacy network was dealt a resounding repudiation by the voters on Nov. 8. But that doesn't mean they are going away or giving up. What it means is a change in strategy. After eight years of being on the inside, under the Obama administration, they will likely be on the outside under a Trump presidency.

In the weeks following the election, the open borders lobby's strategy began to emerge, and it entails grinding our immigration enforcement machinery (which had been effectively disabled under President Obama) to a halt. Backed by deep-pocketed foundations that are adept at using the legal system to stymie justice, rather than promote it, illegal alien advocates seem intent on paralyzing the judicial process in order to prevent immigration laws from being enforced.

Even before the new administration, which has promised to step-up removals of illegal aliens, takes office, a report by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Clearinghouse found that immigration violations now make up more than half of all federal prosecutions. Fifty-two percent of all cases before federal courts in FY 2016, 69,636 of them, were related to immigration violations. These immigration related cases outnumbered federal prosecutions for drugs, fraud, organized crime, weapons charges and other crimes.

Without control of the other two branches of government, the illegal aliens lobby has announced plans to use the courts to prevent effective enforcement of immigration laws. Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.), the self-declared representative of illegal aliens in Congress, vowed that "If Trump wants to deport millions of people like he says he does, then the people he wants to deport should say, 'I want my day in court before a judge.' You have to paralyze the system. You need to do what you need to do to fight to save as many people as you can from the devious plans Donald Trump's got coming."

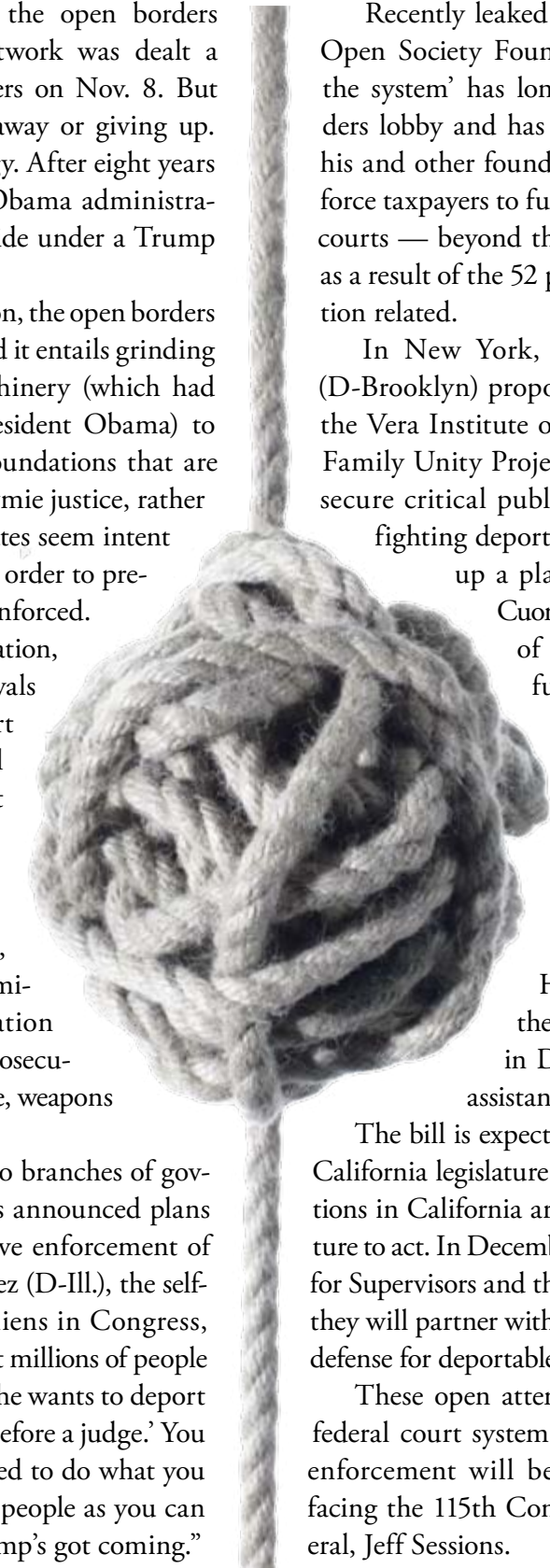
Recently leaked documents from George Soros's Open Society Foundation confirm that 'paralyzing the system' has long been a goal of the open borders lobby and has received generous funding from his and other foundations. Now there is an effort to force taxpayers to fund further paralysis of the federal courts — beyond the costs the public already incurs as a result of the 52 percent of cases that are immigration related.

In New York, State Senator Jesse Hamilton (D-Brooklyn) proposed increased "state funding for the Vera Institute of Justice's New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP), [in order to] help secure critical public defender services" for people fighting deportation. Hamilton's proposal backs up a plan announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo that includes the establishment of a new emergency legal defense fund for immigrants.

Not to be outdone in the effort to protect immigration law-breakers at taxpayers' expense, California legislators announced a plan to fund legal representation for illegal aliens facing deportation. State Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) introduced the Due Process for All Act (SB 6) in December that would expand legal assistance to all deportable aliens in Calif.

The bill is expected to be one of the first items the California legislature addresses in 2017. Some jurisdictions in California are not even waiting for the legislature to act. In December, the Santa Clara County Board for Supervisors and the city of San Jose announced that they will partner with private foundations to fund legal defense for deportable aliens.

These open attempts to deliberately paralyze the federal court system in order to thwart immigration enforcement will be one of the biggest challenges facing the 115th Congress and the new attorney general, Jeff Sessions.





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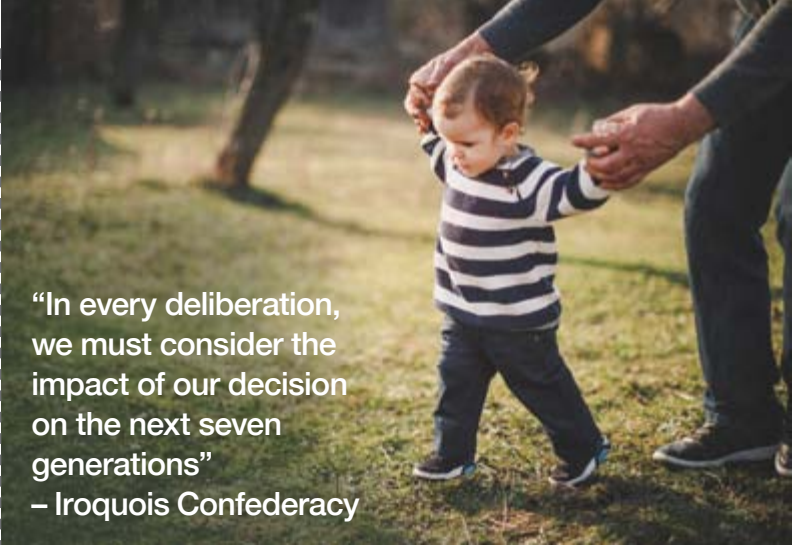
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