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PRESS STATEMENT

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IDC Endorses Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) at Rally

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) participated in a rally held on September 16, 2016 in Richmond Hill, New York to support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) which is being threatened with repeal by the US Government. IDC expresses its endorsement to retain DACA to keep the over 800,000 impacted dreamers in the USA.

Participants at the rally included: Aminta Kilawan-Narine, Co-Founder of Sadhana; Dr. Dhanpaul Narine, President of Shri Trimurti Bhavan; Harpreet Toor, Chairman of Public Policy & External Affairs, Sikh Cultural Society and Producer of American Vision on Jus Broadcasting; Dr. Dilip Nath, President of New American Voters Association (NAVA); Will Depoo, Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM); Shery (DACA Recipient), DRUM; Ashook Ramsaran, Indian Diaspora Council; Jagpreet Khakh, Chhaya CDC; Prof. Ashford Maharaj, Trinidad and Tobagonians USA; Darrel Sukhdeo; Aliya Latif, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office; Richard David, City Council District 28 Candidate; Hettie Powell, City Council District 28 Candidate; Osbourne Hart, NYC Mayoral Candidate.

Statement at the rally by Ashook Ramsaran, president of IDC:

Thank you, Aminta (Kilawan). Thanks to Dr Dhanpaul Narine and others who have organized this rally.

We are all immigrants in the USA, and IDC supports DACA as a matter of principle. IDC wants the Government to keep DACA in place, and even do better for the Dreamers. DACA is a bridge to the future – do not close this bridge. Dreamers help America to be a better country. Dreamers help all of us to live better lives because they contribute to America and to its progress.

The United Nations charter on human rights mandate that all persons be treated with dignity and respect. Dreamers deserve no less. Besides, it is un-American to selectively deprive children of education and opportunity. Give the Dreamers the chance we all had and our children have.

Keep DACA in place. It is the sensible, humane and decent thing to do. President Obama did and signed DACA. Democrats support it all the way. In fact, the majority of Americans support DACA. We the people do !!

Home is where the heart is – this is home for the Dreamers.
Let's honor the promise made to Dreamers. *Thank you*



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