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**UCLA LATINO POLICY AND POLITICS INITIATIVE ISSUES
STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT DECISION TO MAINTAIN DACA**

LOS ANGELES – Today, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that DACA protection will remain in place and continue to protect hundreds of thousands immigrants from deportation. UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative Executive Director Sonja Diaz issued the following statement in response:

“The decision to keep the DACA program intact is a win for our democracy and the world’s largest economy. The Obama Administration’s executive actions created relief from deportation for 800,000 DREAMERS, who have gone on to become homeowners, college graduates, and entrepreneurs. Today’s ruling from the Supreme Court to preserve DACA is a signal that racially-motivated attacks to demonize immigrants are not only misguided policy decisions but unconstitutional.

“As the executive director of the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative, I have firsthand knowledge of the important contributions DACA recipients make to drive our economy forward and expand our understanding of what it means to live in America. With this ruling, we have not only the capacity to bolster our economy for the long-term, but we’ve also been given a much-needed sign that our democracy is not beyond repair.

“As a long overdue reckoning on race and justice rages in our country, this decision provides us with another glimmer of hope that we may eventually build the country that lives up to the ideals of our founding fathers.”

To schedule an interview with Sonja Diaz for additional comment please contact Kacey Bonner at 310-402-3013.

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