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Time is now for immigration reform

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If ever the United States needed comprehensive immigration reform, now is the time, again. If ever selfish and selfless motives coincide this is it – again.

Eliminating second-class status assigned to 12 million people will liberate economic and social energy that just may be the savior of us all. Now we see the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations marching arm in arm for reform.

Locally, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the California Strawberry Commission sang a duet in public for the same cause.

Libertarian think tanks such as the Cato Institute have studied the issue and concluded that, never mind the specific beneficiaries involved, capitalism itself gets a boost and the benefits are spread throughout the population. Every city in our tri-county area has passed a resolution supporting comprehensive reform, except the city of Carmel. All three boards of supervisors in the tri-county area passed the same resolution.

Systems created along caste and class with specific populations held in a subterranean status have built into their society and economy retarding forces, driving down freedom of expression and thwarting tremendous creative potential that yearns to breathe free.