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THE **CITY COUNCIL** tiptoed into the Arizona immigration fight yesterday by passing a toned-down condemnation of the law.

Council Speaker Christine Quinn refused to allow a vote on a general **boycott** of Arizona, so members approved a ban against **Council** employees using public funds to travel to the Grand Canyon State.

The **resolution** also authorizes Quinn to file a friend-of-the court brief on behalf of the **Council** supporting the federal lawsuit against the contested law, which calls for cops to check immigrants' legal status.

"I actually think the new version of this **resolution** is stronger," argued Quinn, who called the original **resolution** "more rhetorical."

"What we wanted to do in this **resolution** was not, you know, preach to others," she added.

Sponsors of the **boycott** and immigration advocates voiced their support of the adopted **resolution**.

Four Republicans and two Democrats voted against the measure.

"When Arizona starts telling New York what to do about terrorism, that's when we can start telling Arizona what to do about illegal immigration," grouched Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Queens), who opposed the plan.

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