March 17, 2004

All Councilmembers
All City Departments
All City Boards and Commissions

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

At the meeting of the Council held March 2, 2004, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted............................................................
Attached motion (Garcetti - Villaraigosa) adopted...........................X
Attached resolution adopted.......................................................X
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)...........
Ordinance adopted........................................................................X
Ordinance number......................................................................175853
Effective date............................................................................04-24-04
Date of Posting..........................................................................03-15-04
Mayor approved...........................................................................03-12-04

J. Michael Carey
City Clerk
jr
COUNCIL FILE NUMBER 02-0399
COUNCIL DISTRICT
COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE March 2, 2004
LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAR 15 2004
ORDINANCE TYPE: ___ Ord of Intent ___ Zoning ___ Personnel ___ General
___ Improvement ___ LAMC ___ XX LAAC ___ CU or Var Appeals - CPC No.

SUBJECT MATTER: ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 15 OF DIVISION 19 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

APPROVED DISAPPROVED

PLANNING COMMISSION
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
CITY ATTORNEY X
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
OTHER:

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL, DEEMED APPROVED OR *VETO:
*VETOED ORDINANCES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH OBJECTIONS IN WRITING PURSUANT TO CHARTER SEC. 250(b)(c)

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DATE RECEIVED FROM MAYOR MAR 1 2 2004
ORDINANCE NO. 175853

DATE PUBLISHED DATE POSTED MAR 15 2004 EFFECTIVE DATE APR 24 2004
ORD OF INTENT: HEARING DATE ASSESSMENT CONFIRMATION

ORDINANCE FOR DISTRIBUTION: Yes [ ] No [ ]
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MAR 1 6 2004
ORDINANCE NO. 175853

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I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of MAR 02 2004. 

J. MICHAEL CAREY, City Clerk

MAR 1 2 2004

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

Date 2/27/04

File No. 02-03 99
DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA C. RICO, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 175853 - Adding Chapter 15 to Division 19 of the L.A.A.C. to provide for the acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on March 2, 2004, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on March 15, 2004, I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) One copy on the bulletin board at the Main Street entrance to Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board at the ground level Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; and 3) one copy on the bulletin board at the Temple Street entrance to the Hall of Records of the County of Los Angeles.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on March 15, 2004 and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 15th day of March 2004 at Los Angeles, California.

[Signature]
Maria C. Rico, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: April 24, 2004 Council File No. 02-0399

(Rev. 3/21/03)
VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation of the City Attorney (Item No. 46, CF 02-0399) relative to acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE relative to adding Chapter 15 of Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to provide for the acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

(Rules and Elections Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

PRESENTED BY __________________________
ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY __________________________
ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA
Councilmember, 14th District

March 2, 2004
CF 02-0399

ADOPTED
MAR 02 2004
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL VOTE

Mar 2, 2004 10:24:13 AM, #3

Item for Which Public Hearing Has Not Been Held - Item 46
Voting on Item(s): 46
Roll Call

CARDENAS
GARCETTI
GREUEL
HAHN
LABONGE
LUDLOW
*MISCIKOWSKI
PARKS
PERRY
REYES
SMITH
VILLARAIGOSA
WEISS
ZINE
PADILLA

Present: 15, Yes: 15 No: 0
REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 15 TO DIVISION 19 OF THE
LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE
OF FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

This office has prepared and now transmits for your action the attached draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This ordinance adds Chapter 15 to Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to provide for the acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards.

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the City Clerk and to the Chief of Police. We have incorporated all recommended changes into the ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlos De La Guerra at 213.978.8388. He or another member of this office will be available when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By

TERREE A. BOWERS
Chief Deputy City Attorney
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Approved ________________________________

By ________________________________ Deputy

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By ________________________________ Deputy City Attorney

Date 9/17/04

File No. 02-0399
City Attorney report and draft Ordinances relative to proposed restriction on fundraising activity by City Board and Commission members and Commissioner's participation in contract evaluation, in response to Motion (Miscikowski-Greuel).

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

DISPOSITION

Continued from December 2, 2003

City Clerk report on Motion (Miscikowski-LaBorge) relative to current City policies for issuing badges to civilian commissioners and board members, etc.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

DISPOSITION

City Attorney to report and draft ordinance relative to establishing criteria for the acceptance of identification cards issued by other foreign consulates, etc.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

DISPOSITION

Motion (Feuer-Ferraro) relative to banning registered lobbyists from contributing to and fundraising on behalf of campaigns and Officeholder Accounts.

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By ________________________________
Deputy

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By ________________________________
CARLOS DE LA GUERRA
Deputy City Attorney

Date ________________________________

File No. ________________
April 7, 2003

City Attorney (with blue sheet)
Chief Legislative Analyst
Councilmember Garcetti
Councilmember Reyes
Councilmember Pacheco
All City Departments

RE: CITY ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS; "MATRICULA CONSULAR," ISSUED BY THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO

At the meeting of the Council held April 4, 2003, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted ........................................ X
Attached amending motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Pacheco) adopted. X
Attached resolution adopted ....................................
FORTHWITH ................................................................
Mayor concurred ................................................. X
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s) .............................................
Motion adopted to approve attached communication recommendation(s), as amended. X
Findings adopted ...................................................
Categorically exempt ..............................................
Generally exempt ..................................................
Negative Declaration adopted ..................................
COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA, CHAIR
RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Yes No
Public Comments XX

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE relative to City acceptance of identification cards, "Matricula Consular," issued by the Consulate of Mexico.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE all City Departments to continue to accept the Matricula Consular Identification Card for identification purposes only.

2. INSTRUCT all General Managers to direct staff to accept the Matricula Consular as a valid form of identification and to notify all employees of this policy.

3. REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance establishing criteria for the acceptance of identification cards issued by other foreign consulates.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no impact on the General Fund.

Summary:

At its meeting held May 14, 2002, Council instructed all City Departments and Bureaus to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico. The action included an instruction for the CLA to report back in six months to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee relative to the pilot program and whether this policy should be extended include other consular identification cards.

In a report to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (attached to the Council file), the CLA reports that there were no reported and concerns and departments indicated that relatively few City programs requires proof of identification. The Police Department strongly supports the acceptance of these cards and indicates that the cards have various security features to protect against fraud and counterfeit reproduction. The acceptance of these cards have also generated additional revenue for the Department of Water and Power. Since the beginning of the pilot project, the Department notes that several individuals were able to open accounts with the use of these cards.
The CLA goes on to report that subsequent to City Council's action regarding the acceptance of these cards, the County of Los Angeles adopted a similar policy and contacted over 80 foreign consulates. Of the consulates that responded, only Argentina, Peru, and Guatemala currently issue identification cards. Argentina and Guatemala expressed strong interest in having their consulate cards accepted as valid forms of identification. China, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras and Korea are in the process of issuing cards to their citizens. The County also conducted research on other governmental agencies that have recently adopted ordinances or policies allowing for the acceptance of identification cards. The Counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara currently accept the Matricula Consular. The City and County of San Francisco and the City of Oakland have adopted ordinances which allow for the acceptance of any foreign consulate's identification card as a valid form of identification given that the card meets certain requirements. Both agencies have established requirements ensuring that the foreign consulate identification cards accurately identify the person and have reasonably designed security features to protect against fraud and counterfeit reproduction. Law enforcement agencies from the City of San Jose and the Counties of Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Cruz have also adopted policies accepting the Matricula Consular and/or other foreign consulate ID cards as a valid form of identification for law enforcement activities. In addition to those consulates surveyed, several consulates have contacted the City expressing interest in the pilot project.

The CLA recommends that Council request that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to authorize the acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards. This ordinance should establish requirements ensuring that the foreign consulate identification cards accurately identify the person and have reasonably designed security features to protect against fraud and counterfeit reproduction.

At the regular meeting of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee held March 19, 2003, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with representatives of the CLA and the Police Department. The CLA reported that the program has been successful and no problems have been identified. The Police Department representative stated that the Mexican Consulate has taken steps to prevent the counterfeiting of the cards by employing the use of unique plastic covers, ultraviolet logos, and magnetic stripes.

During the public comment period, members of the community spoke in favor of the continued use of the cards as an accepted form of identification. Proponents included representatives of the Mexican Consulate, the Federacion de Clubes Zacatecanos, and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights. Speakers stated that the card has improved relations between immigrant Latinos and the Police Department. Card users also enjoy improved access to banking and hospital services, as well as access to legal services protecting workers seeking unpaid wages. A representative of Wells Fargo Bank, the first banking institution to formally accept the Matricula Consular as a valid form of identification, stated that thousands of individuals have opened bank accounts using the card.
Having considered the Chief Legislative Analyst's proposal, the Committee Chair recommends that the Council authorize all City Departments to continue to accept the Matricula Consular Identification Card for identification purposes only, instruct all General Managers to direct staff to accept the Matricula Consular as a valid form of identification, and instruct the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance establishing criteria for the acceptance of identification cards issued by other foreign consulates. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Padilla

Councilmember Alex Padilla, Chair
RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

JAN
3/25/03
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ADOPTED
to app. commn. REC't

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
as amended
see attached motion forthwith
I MOVE that the matter of the COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE relative to City acceptance of identification cards, "Matricula Consular," issued by the Consulate of Mexico, Item 3 on today's Special Agenda (CF02-0399) be amended to delete Recommendation 3 of that communication and adopt in lieu thereof the following new Recommendation 3.

3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance establishing criteria for the acceptance of identification cards issued by other foreign consulates after consultation with the Los Angeles Consulates of the affected foreign governments, such consultation to include the possibility of forming a working group to develop standardized and uniform criteria for such foreign identification cards.

PRESENTED BY:  
ERIC GARCETTI  
Councilman 13th District

SECONDED BY:  
ED P. REYES  
Councilman, 1st District

April 4, 2003
COUNCIL VOTE

Apr 4, 2003 11:42:31 AM, #3

ITEM(s)
Voting on Item(s): 2, 3
Roll Call

BERNSON Absent
GALANTER Yes
GARCETTI Yes
GREUEL Yes
HAHN Yes
HOLDEN Yes
LABONGE Yes
*MISCIKOWSKI Yes
PACHECO Yes
PARKS Yes
PERRY Yes
REYES Yes
WEISS Yes
ZINE Yes
PADILLA Absent

Present: 13, Yes: 13 No: 0
RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number: Q2-0399
Committee Meeting Date: 3-19-03
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Remarks: City acceptance of Matricula Consular ID cards

Alan Alietti, Legislative Assistant - Telephone 978-1076
# RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## NOTIFICATION SHEET

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**Sacramento Reps**

**Washington Reps**
April 17th, 2002.

The Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles presents as part of the Integral Program for the Improvement of the Consular Services established by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, started issuing a new consular ID, called "Matricula Consular de Alta Seguridad" or MCAS.

The main characteristics of the MCAS are either visible or invisible security features:

Visible security features:

1) Green security paper, with special security pattern

2) "Advantage seal", with a Mexican Official seal that appears over the bearer's picture that changes color from green to brown when seen with natural light.
3) Infra Red band on the back of the MCAS.

4) Using a black-light lamp, you will read SRE all over the front of the MCAS.

Invisible security features:

In order to be able to see the invisible security marks of the MCAS, a special decoder is needed. Using this decoder you can see:

Front:

1) The word MEXICO written at the left side of the MCAS, next to the bearer’s picture.

2) The legend MATRÍCULA CONSULAR CONSULAR ID CARD, written at the bottom of the MCAS.

3) The word SRE, written three times on the right side of the MCAS.

Back:

1) Written on the left side of the green line, and using the decoder, you will read the bearer’s name and the ID number. On the right side, you will read the ID’s expiration date and “CONSULMEX LOS ANGELES”, which is the name of the issuing office.

2) Turning the decoder 90° degrees, you will read SRE written five times over the MCAS, with the following pattern:

![Image]

3) Using the decoder for the picture, you will read the bearer’s name.

4) Using the decoder for the picture and turning it 90° degrees, you will read the bearer’s DOB and the word SRE.
Please note that the two Consular IDs (*Matriculas Consulares*) previously issued by this Consulate General, both the one laminated and the booklet-like one, are going to be valid until their expiration date. For your convenience, I am enclosing an image of these two Consular IDs and a decoder.

(LAMINATED)  

(BOOKLET-LIKE)  

Consul General of Mexico
CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

I wish to speak before the _____________________________
Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

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( ) General comments

Name: ____________________________________________

Business or Organization Affiliation: ________________________________

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

Date
APRIL 4TH, 2003

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.
SPECIAL MEETING ITEM 3

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Name: FERNANDO CASTILLO

Business or Organization Affiliation: CONSULATE GENERAL OF GUATEMALA

Address: 1605 W. OLYMPIC BLVD. L.A. CA 90015

Business phone: 213-365-9251 Representing:

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Street City State Zip

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

Date
APRIL 1-04

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.
SPECIAL MEETING ITEM 3

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CITY COUNCIL
Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

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( ) Against proposal
( ) General comments

Name: Ambassador HАRTHA JARCA

Business or Organization Affiliation: CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO

Address: 2401 6th Street, Los Angeles, Ca 90004

Business phone: 213-385-6810 Representing:

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Client Address: ____________________________________________
Street City State Zip

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Identification Cards Issued by Foreign Consulates

CLA RECOMMENDATION: AUTHORIZE all City Departments to continue to accept the Matricula Consular Identification Card for identification purposes only and INSTRUCT the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance establishing criteria for the acceptance of identification cards issued by other foreign consulates.

SUMMARY:
On May 14, 2002, the City Council adopted a policy regarding the acceptance of Matricula Consular identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate. The CLA was instructed to report back to the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee at the end of the six month pilot period regarding the continued acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and recommendations relative to accepting other consular identification cards.

The CLA evaluated the implementation and impact of the pilot project by administering two questionnaires at 3 month intervals. The purpose of the survey was to obtain information on programs/services where the card could be utilized, programs/services requiring proof of legal residence where the Matricula could not be accepted, and initial concerns and issues regarding the acceptance of these cards. The following is a summary of the responses received by each City Department:

Department of Aging - The Department does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

Los Angeles World Airports - Employees have been notified of policy. The card may be used for identification purposes only when applying for employment. The department also indicates that all travelers must present valid identification to the airlines and to the Federal TSA security screeners; however, the department has no control over what forms of identification the airlines will accept;

Office of the City Attorney - Not applicable;

Animal Services - The policy has no impact on their operations;

Building and Safety - One person has utilized this card at the public cashiering counters. The card may be used for collection of fees by a check and for the issuance of special Building and Safety licenses;

Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families - The Commission does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

Office of the City Clerk - Policy has been implemented and no problems have been reported;

Community Development Department - The Department indicates that this card could be used in the LA Bridges Division, Safe Passage Program to show initial identification; however, all volunteers are fingerprinted to ensure that the volunteers do not have a criminal record. All Human Services and
Family Development funded programs can use the identification cards as proof of identity. Identity alone, however, while a prerequisite for program access, does not establish "eligibility" for human services program benefits. Nor does the adopted Council policy establish that acceptance of the identification cards preempts requirements to qualify for program services supported with federal and/or state funds. Staff are not aware that any of the HSFD-administered programs formally participated in the City's 6-month pilot project. The identification cards certainly could be helpful in promoting participation in the Individual Development Account Demonstration Program (IDA/LA) that the Division launched in 2002, consistent with one of the aims of the Council motion to improve immigrants' access to mainstream financial services. Local banking institutions have shown a willingness to promote the use of the Matricula Consular Identification Cards as one form of identification accepted to open accounts. The IDA/LA Program enables qualified families who follow a pre-established savings plan with Washington Mutual Bank, to save a portion of their earned income and receive matching funds on a 4:1 basis up to $4,000 per individual or $8,000 per household. The card may not be used for Workforce Development Programs or Youth Opportunity programs as these programs require proof of legal right to work. In addition, all HSFD programs are supported using either Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and/or Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. Regulations governing CDBG and CSBG-assisted activities do not restrict program services based on immigration status in the United States. Eligibility for human services programs that the Division administers requires residence in the City of Los Angeles and--if the prospective client(s) is not one of 10 specified groups presumed to be income eligible, the client would be required to show acceptable proof of income that does not exceed poverty (CSBG) and/or very low/low (CDBG) income levels;

Cultural Affairs Department - The Department does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

Department on Disability - The Department does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

Fire Department - The Department does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

The Department of General Services - All Security Officers have been instructed to accept these cards as a valid form of identification for purposes of entering City Hall and other municipal buildings;

Harbor - Identification from the public is required at the Port of Los Angeles as follows:
1. All cruise ship passengers are required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license, before they board their vessel.
2. Visitors to the Harbor Department Administrative Headquarters in San Pedro are required to sign in, state their business and the person they are seeing, and are issued a visitor's badge. If the Security Officer receptionist has any questions about the legitimacy of their visit, they will be required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license.
3. As of May 1, 2002 the United States Coast Guard is requiring that all persons entering waterfront facilities (e.g. shipping terminals) be required to show a valid identification card in order to gain admittance. Acceptable identification cards include:
   * Driver's license facility ID card
   * Government ID card - PMA (Pacific Maritime Association) card
   * Passport labor organization card

In most cases, the Department indicates that identification is required from the public when the Port
Police stop or pull over someone suspected of a crime or other suspicious activity. In checking with the Port Police, persons pulled over almost always have an acceptable form of identification and the use of Mexican Consulate ID cards is not an issue;

**Housing Department** - Non-responsive;

**Information Technology Agency** - The ITA does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

**Library Department** - To obtain a library card, the Library Department requires identification showing the person's name and current address. A California Driver's License or a California ID card issued by the DMV are valid for this purpose. Persons not possessing either of these forms of ID may present any two of the following, *one* of which must contain the current address:
* printed personal check
* credit card
* rental or property tax receipt
* "official mail" (from a business or organization or government body) with current postmark.

Since Matricula Consular identification cards contain a name and current address, these cards would qualify as the only ID required by the Library. All staff were instructed to accept these cards and photocopy samples have been distributed to every library agency. The library's circulation manual has been updated to reflect acceptance of these cards;

**Personnel Department** - These cards may be utilized for identity verification for employment testing and for fingerprinting of new employees. The Department has notified employees that these cards cannot be used to establish employment eligibility;

**Planning Department** - Non-responsive;

**The Los Angeles Police Department** - The Police Department accepts these cards as a valid form of identification;

**Department of Public Works** - Non-responsive;

**The Department of Recreation and Parks** - The Department does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

**The Commission on the Status of Women** - The Commission does not have programs requiring verification of identity;

**The Department of Transportation** - These cards could be used by the Parking Violations Bureau which requires that identification be presented when applicants seek to purchase a preferential parking permit. The identification is for address verification purposes only to ensure that the applicant lives in
the preferential parking district;

*Water and Power* - The Department of Water and Power (DWP) accepts these cards as an acceptable form of identification required to establish new service with the Department. Some of the problems/complaints received from DWP's customers are related to the residential deposit policy. LADWP requires all new customers to provide proof that sufficient credit has been established by them, or a deposit is required of the customer. DWP will accept these identification cards as valid identification when taking an application for new service, but they do not replace a valid Social Security Number or California Driver License Number/Identification Card used to determine credit worthiness. Some of DWP's customers have stated that "since the Matricula Consular Identification Card is issued by the U.S. Government (stet), the department should not assess them a deposit for not having the proper documentation." A few complaints have been received from customers who state the cards were issued solely to allow the U.S. government to collect income taxes from them.

*Zoo* - The Zoo does not have programs requiring verification of identity.

Pursuant to Council instruction, the CLA was also instructed to make recommendations regarding the acceptance of identification cards issued by other consulates. Subsequent to City Council's action regarding the acceptance of these cards, the County of Los Angeles adopted a similar policy and contacted over 80 foreign consulates. Of the consulates that responded, only Argentina, Peru and Guatemala currently issue identification cards. Argentina and Guatemala expressed strong interest in having their consulate cards accepted as valid forms of identification. China, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras and Korea are in the process of issuing cards to their citizens. The County also conducted research on other governmental agencies that have recently adopted ordinances or policies allowing for the acceptance of identification cards. The Counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara currently accept the Matricula Consular. The City and County of San Francisco and the City of Oakland have adopted ordinances which allow for the acceptance of any foreign consulate's identification card as a valid form of identification given that the card meets certain requirements. Both agencies have established requirements ensuring that the foreign consulate identification cards accurately identify the person and have reasonably designed security features to protect against fraud and counterfeit reproduction. Law enforcement agencies from the City of San Jose and the Counties of Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Cruz have also adopted policies accepting the Matricula Consular and/or other foreign consulate ID cards as a valid form of identification for law enforcement activities.

On January 29, 2003, *The Washington Times* published an article stating that "hundreds of state and local governments, along with 798 police agencies and 74 banks, now accept the cards for identification purposes despite warnings by federal law enforcement authorities of potential widespread fraud involving the cards." The Washington Times also reported that the General Services Administration suspended the recognition of the cards at federal facilities pending an investigation into the integrity and security of the cards. The Mexican Consulate responded to this article by stating that the "high security card is an identity document that is issued by the Government of Mexico to its nationals who reside in a foreign country and does not promote undocumented migration. The issuance of the document allows the official registration of Mexican citizens residing in a specific jurisdiction and facilitates offering efficient consular services to which the citizens are
entitled. This cards in no way grants undocumented individuals the right to benefit from services offered by federal, state or local authorities and allows each governmental entity to freely decide if these cards will be accepted."

The acceptance of these cards have generated additional revenue for the Department of Water and Power. Since the beginning of the pilot project, the Department notes that several individuals were able to open accounts with the use of these cards. In addition, several other consulates have contacted the City expressing interest in this pilot project. It is recommended that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance to the City Council which would allow for the acceptance of foreign consulate identification cards. This ordinance should establish requirements ensuring that the foreign consulate identification cards accurately identify the person and have reasonably designed security features to protect against fraud and counterfeit reproduction.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The acceptance of the Matricula Consular and other consular identification cards will have a positive impact on the General Fund.

**DEPARTMENT(S) NOTIFIED:**

- Department of Aging
- Los Angeles World Airports
- Office of the City Attorney
- Animal Services
- Building and Safety
- Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families
- Office of the City Clerk
- Community Development Department
- Cultural Affairs Department
- Department on Disability
- Fire Department
- The Department of General Services
- Harbor
- Housing Department
- Information Technology Agency
- Library Department
- Personnel Department
- Planning Department
- The Los Angeles Police Department
- Department of Public Works
The Department of Recreation and Parks
The Commission on the Status of Women
The Department of Transportation
Water and Power
Zoo

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Chief Legislative Analyst

Attachments: 1. Department of Building & Safety’s Response
2. Community Development Department’s Response
3. Fire Department’s Response
4. Harbor Department’s Response
5. Personnel Department’s Response
6. Department on Transportation’s Response
7. Department of Water and Power’s Response
9. Consulate of Mexico’s response to *The Washington Times* article
10. Section 95.1 of San Francisco’s Administrative Code regarding the acceptance of identification cards
Date: 3-19-03

I wish to speak before the Rules, Elections, and Governmental Relations Committee.

Name: Angelica Salas

Business or Organization Affiliation: Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of L.A.

Address: 2533 W. 3rd St. 101, L.A., CA 90057

Business phone: 213 353-1333. Representing: ___________________

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I wish to speak before the **IGR Committee**

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? ( ) For proposal ( ) Against proposal ( ) General comments

Name: **MIRIAM GALICIA DUARTE**

Business or Organization Affiliation: **WELLS FARGO**

Address: 333 S. GRAND AVE L.A. CA 90071

Business phone: **(213) 253.3721** Representing: ____________

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Date: 3-19-03

I wish to speak before the 1RD COMMITTEE

Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? ( ) For proposal ( ) Against proposal ( ) General comments

Name: Adrian Villarreal

Business or Organization Affiliation: Federacion de Clubes Zacatecanos

Address: 1332 Miller Ave. Los Angeles CA. 90063

Business phone: 714-554-7632 Representing: 

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Date: March 19th 2003

I wish to speak before the IGR Committee

Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? (X) For proposal

Name: Alejandro Bologna

Business or Organization Affiliation: Consulate General of Mexico

Address: 9401 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057

Business phone: 213.351.6233, Representing:

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE relative to the acceptance of identification cards, "matricula consular", issued by the Consulate of Mexico.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR, pursuant to Motion (Garcetti - Padilla - Pacheco - Ridley-Thomas - Miscikowski - Perry - Reyes):

1. ADOPT the following policy regarding the acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate: (1) the acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate does not create any new rights that are enforceable through a civil action so that a violation of the policy by failure or refusal to accept the identification cards will not subject the City and/or its employees to liability for monetary damages; (2) City departments shall have the right to request additional information needed to enable the departments to fulfill their responsibilities; (3) City departments are not required to accept the identification if there is a reasonable belief that the identification card is counterfeit, altered, does not belong to the holder, or otherwise contains inaccurate information; (4) City departments are not required to accept the identification where federal or state regulations or directives preempt City policy or where they require the City to obtain other types of identification in order to qualify for federal or state programs/funding.

2. INSTRUCT all City departments and bureaus to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico.

3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in consultation with the City Attorney, to report back to the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee at the end of the six month pilot period regarding the continued acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and recommendations relative to accepting other consular identification cards.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no impact on the General Fund.
Summary:

In its report dated May 1, 2002, the CLA reports that the City has one of the highest concentrations of Mexican Nationals and, as such, it is appropriate that the City investigate the feasibility of accepting official identity cards issued by the Mexican Consulate on a six month pilot program basis. The Mexican government issues the identification cards, known as "matricula consular," to residents living abroad who can prove Mexican citizenship.

The subject Motion reports that it is very difficult to carry on with the day-to-day activities of life in Los Angeles without identification cards. Except when required by federal or state law, it makes great sense for Los Angeles to join with other jurisdictions in accepting for identification purposes the ID cards issued by consular offices. These cards will enable many of the City's residents to participate in such basic services as signing on for power and water service, obtaining senior citizen taxi coupons, obtaining library cards, reporting domestic violence, participating in other City programs and services, and even having access to City Hall in order to meet with elected officials or to attend Council meetings.

The CLA further reports that all City Departments were surveyed regarding the possible acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and have indicated support for Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Padilla - Ridley-Thomas - Miscikowski - Perry). In addition, the City Attorney developed the following policy: (1) The acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate does not create any new rights that are enforceable through a civil action so that a violation of the policy by failure or refusal to accept the identification cards will not subject the City and/or its employees to liability for monetary damages; (2) City departments shall have the right to request additional information needed to enable the departments to fulfill their responsibilities; (3) City departments are not required to accept the identification if there is a reasonable belief that the identification card is counterfeit, altered, does not belong to the holder, or otherwise contains inaccurate information. (4) City departments are not required to accept the identification where federal or state regulations or directives preempt City policy or where they require the City to obtain other types of identification in order to qualify for federal or state programs/funding.

The CLA recommends that Council approve the aforementioned policy regarding the acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and instruct all City departments and bureaus to accept identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis. The CLA further recommends that Council instruct it (the CLA) to report back to the Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the City's continued acceptance of the identification cards and recommendations relative to accepting other consular identification cards.
At its regular meeting held May 1, 2002, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair discussed this matter with City staff and recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the CLA, as submitted in its report dated May 1, 2002. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilmember Alex Padilla, Chair
RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

APPROVED
MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS
MAY 1 4 2002
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS, "MATRICULA CONSULAR," ISSUED BY THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO

At the meeting of the Council held May 14, 2002, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted.......................................................... 
Attached resolution (-) adopted...........................................
Mayor concurred................................................................. 5-21-02
FORTHWITH.................................................................
Ordinance adopted..............................................................
Ordinance number..............................................................
Effective date.................................................................
Publication date..............................................................
Mayor approved.................................................................
Mayor vetoed.................................................................
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved.................................
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)........ X
SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S CONCURRENCE

COUNCIL FILE NO. 02-0399
COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE May 14, 2002

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS, "MATRICULA CONSULAR," ISSUED BY THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO

MAY 28, 2002

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT 
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h))

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR MAYOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231(h)

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL MAY 21, 2002

MAYOR

James K. Hahn

2002 MAY 21 PM 3:24
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE RECEIVED
COUNCIL VOTE

May 14, 2002 12:51:59 PM, #10

ITEM NO. (19).
Voting on Item(s): 19
Roll Call

BERNSON Absent
GALANTER Absent
GARCETTI Yes
GREUEL Yes
HAHN Yes
HOLDEN Yes
LABONGE Yes
MISCIKOWSKI Yes
PACHECO Yes
PERRY Yes
REYES Yes
*RIDLEY-THOMAS Yes
WEISS Yes
ZINE Yes
PADILLA Yes

Present: 13, Yes: 13 No: 0
COUNCIL VOTE

May 14, 2002 11:50:59 AM, #7

ITEM NO. (19) See Reconsidered Vote
Voting on Item(s): 19
Roll Call

BERNSON          No
GALANTER         Yes
GARCETTI         Yes
GREUEL           Yes
HAHN             Yes
HOLDEN           Yes
LABONGE          Yes
MISCIKOWSKI      Yes
PACHECO          Yes
PERRY            Yes
REYES            Yes
*RIDLEY-THOMAS   Yes
WEISS            Yes
ZINE             Yes
PADILLA          Absent
Present: 14, Yes: 13 No: 1

See Reconsidered Vote
RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION SHEET

Council File No. 02-0399

- Council Districts: All
- Mayor (with/without file)
- Chief Legislative Analyst
- City Administrative Officer
- City Attorney
- Controller
- City Clerk
- Treasurer
- City Ethics Commission
- Petitioner/Communicant
- Interested Departments: All City Depts.

SACRAMENTO REPS
WASHINGTON REPS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

Date: May 1st, 2002

I wish to speak before the [EGR Committee]
Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? (X) For proposal
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Name: Alejandro Bologna

Business or Organization Affiliation: Consulate General of Mexico.

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Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2002

ROOM 1060, CITY HALL - 9:00 AM
200 N. SPRING ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

MEMBERS: COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA, CHAIR
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COUNCILMEMBER MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

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FILE NO. 02-0399
SUBJECT Motion (Garcetti - Padilla - Bacheco - Ridley-Thomas - Mischeikowski - Perry - Reyes) relative to the acceptance of identification cards, "matricula consular", issued by the Consulate of Mexico.

DISPOSITION CONT. (until 5-1-02)

CONTINUED FROM 04-03-02

02-0354 Resolution (Ridley-Thomas - Garcetti) relative to securing a living wage and adequate health benefits for homecare workers.

DISPOSITION

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
UNDER COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
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*** Supplemental Page***
CLA to report relative to opposition to Assembly Bill 1800 (Kehoe) which would authorize disabled persons and veterans with special identification license plates or placards to park in restricted zones designated for street sweeping without being issued a parking ticket.

DISPOSITION

CLA to report relative to support of Senate Bill 1653 (Costa) establishing the California Bay-Delta Commission to carry out various activities necessary to establish a long-term structure to implement the CalFed program IF AMENDED to identify Commission membership reflecting regional balance, to ensure that Commission meetings are held in all regions, to establish a conflict resolution process, and to maintain Commission oversight over all CalFed program components.

DISPOSITION

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2002
Date: 5/14/02

I wish to speak before the L.A. City Council

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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Date: 5-1-02

Council Date: 5-14-02

COMMITTEE MEMBER YES NO ABSENT

Councilmember Alex Padilla, Chair

Councilmember Miscikowski

Councilmember Ridley-Thomas

Remarks

Adopt policy re. "matricula consular" Mex. 2D cards + 6 mos. pilot program

Alan Alietti, Legislative Assistant ------------------------------------- Telephone 978-1071
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I wish to speak before the Los Angeles City Council

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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

### Date: 04/17/2002

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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

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**Representing:** **Mexican Consulate**

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER CARD

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CONSULADO GENERAL DE MÉXICO
COMUNICADO DE PRENSA

EL SECRETARIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES, JORGE CASTAÑEDA LANZA LA NUEVA MATRICULA CONSULAR DE ALTA SEGURIDAD EN LOS ANGELES

• El acto se llevó a cabo en el Consulado General de México en Los Angeles

• Durante los primeros tres meses de este año, la representación diplomática otorgó más de 47 mil matrículas consulares.

• El Gobierno de México demuestra su atención a la comunidad mexicana.

Los Angeles, 17 abril.- El Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores de México, Jorge Castañeda puso hoy en funcionamiento la Matrícula Consular de Alta Seguridad (MCAS) -documento que sirve como identificación a millones de mexicanos que radican fuera de su país- la cual ha sido diseñada con un moderno sistema de seguridad que la hace aún más confiable.

En un acto celebrado en el Consulado General de México en Los Angeles, y como parte del Programa de Mejoramiento de los Servicios Consulares de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, el Canciller supervisó el funcionamiento del sistema para la elaboración del documento de identificación e hizo entrega de su nueva matrícula consular a las señoras Laura González y Martha Ugarte, quienes manifestaron su beneplácito de contar con este importante documento.

El Secretario Castañeda confirmó el compromiso del Presidente de la República, Vicente Fox de atender las necesidades de la comunidad mexicana en el exterior, en lo particular de dotarla de un documento que cada día ha venido ganando aceptación en Estados Unidos como un importante forma de identificación.

En este entorno, cabe resaltar que por primera vez en la historia de las relaciones entre México y Estados Unidos, en noviembre pasado el banco Wells Fargo se convirtió en la institución bancaria que aceptó la matrícula consular mexicana como forma de identificación primaria para la apertura de cuentas bancarias (cheques, depósitos, ahorros, entre otros), acción que determinó que más de una docena de instituciones financieras se sumaran a dicha propuesta en toda la Unión Americana.
Asimismo, se señaló que diversas instituciones públicas y privadas, y ciudades estadounidenses, han dado su pleno respaldo a la matrícula consular como identificación, lo que demuestra la necesidad para avanzar en el proceso de su mejor y más segura elaboración.

Ante estas nuevas realidades, los mexicanos se han volcado a las diversas representaciones consulares, para obtener su matrícula consular. Es así que durante el año 2001 la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores emitió –en todos sus consulados– 664 mil 460 y en lo que va del primer trimestre del 2002, se han entregado 212 mil 663 matrículas consulares. En el Consulado de México en Los Ángeles, durante los primeros tres meses del año en curso, se entregaron 47 mil 272 matrículas consulares, 32 mil 229 más que las emitidas en el mismo periodo del año pasado.

Precisamente, la nueva matrícula consular responde a esta confianza que ha ido ganando, y es por ello que el Gobierno de México ha desarrollado un documento cada vez más confiable, para lo cual ha dotado a toda la red consular con que cuenta México en Estados Unidos de un sofisticado sistema para su elaboración.

La nueva matrícula consular cuenta –entre otros elementos– con un nuevo proceso de seguridad que incluye: una fotografía digitalizada, una banda magnética que permite obtener información actualizada, identificación oleográfica con las letras SRE que impiden su falsificación, entre otros importantes cambios.

Debe señalarse que el costo de la matrícula consular seguirá siendo de 29 dólares. Asimismo, es importante recordar que la anterior matrícula seguirá vigente hasta su fecha de vencimiento.
MATRICULA CONSULAR

Bancos que la aceptan.


**US Bank.**- En todos los Estados donde tienen sucursales.

**Citibank-Banamex.**

**Bank of America.**- Programa piloto en Texas, Arizona, Nuevo México y California.

**Banco Popular.** En California, Texas, Illinois, Arizona y Nueva York

**Bank One, City Credit Union, First State Bank, Chase, Surety Bank** en Dallas.

**Unión de Crédito The Golden.** Sacramento y otras ciudades de California.

**Second Federal Savings, First Bank of the Americas** en Chicago y la circunscripción consular.

**Grupo Suntrust Banks Inc.** a partir del 15 de abril del 2002. Sucursales en Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Maryland, Virginia y el Distrito de Columbia

**United Americas Bank.** Propiedad de hispanos. Georgia

**First Bank of the Americas** en Chicago

**Firstar Bank y Bank One.** Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana y norte de Illinois

**J.P. Morgan Chase** en Texas

**Banco de la Reserva Federal** en Atlanta

**Texas State Bank**

**First Premier Bank y Marquette National Bank** de South Dakota

**First National Bank of Omaha**
Condados, Ciudades y oficinas públicas que aceptan matrícula consular

San Francisco Ciudad y Condado

Orange.- Oficina de Policía

Arizona.- Sheriff del Condado

Phoenix.- Departamento de Policía

Nebraska.- Departamento de Policía y Sheriff del Condado y Policía de Caminos.

Iowa.- Departamento de Policía y Sheriff del Condado, Comisión de Carreteras y Juegos de Azahar, Departamento de Administración Tributaria.

South Dakota.- Departamento de Policía y Sheriff del Condado y Policía de Caminos.

North Dakota.- Departamento de Policía y Sheriff del Condado y Policía de Caminos.

Georgia.- La oficina del Registro Civil del Estado acepta la matrícula consular como identificación válida para realizar cualquier trámite.
April 23, 2002

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Rules, communication from the CLA relative to approving Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Padilla - Ridley-Thomas - Miscikowski - Perry) instructing all City departments and bureaus to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico. Upon expiration of the pilot program, it is recommended that the appropriate City departments develop a policy relative to the ongoing acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and other consulates, was referred on April 23, 2002, to the RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

J. Michael Carey
City Clerk

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Identity Cards Issued by the Mexican Consulate

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Approve Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Padilla - Ridley-Thomas - Miscikowski - Perry) instructing all City departments and bureaus to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico and approve the following policy regarding the acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate: (1) the acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate does not create any new rights that are enforceable through a civil action so that a violation of the policy by failure or refusal to accept the identification cards will not subject the City and/or its employees to liability for monetary damages; (2) City departments shall have the right to request additional information needed to enable the departments to fulfill their responsibilities; (3) City departments are not required to accept the identification card if there is a reasonable belief that the identification card is counterfeit, altered, does not belong to the holder, or otherwise contains inaccurate information; (4) City departments are not required to accept the identification where federal or state regulations or directives preempt City policy or where they require the City to obtain other types of identification in order to qualify for federal or state programs/funding; and the CLA, in consultation with the City Attorney to report back to the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee at the end of the six month pilot period regarding the continued acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and recommendations relative to excepting other consular identification cards.

SUMMARY:
Recognizing that the City of Los Angeles has one of the highest concentrations of Mexican Nationals, it is appropriate that the City investigate the feasibility of accepting official identity cards issued by the Mexican Consulate on a six month pilot program basis. The Mexican government issues the identification cards known as "matricula consular," to residents living abroad who can prove Mexican citizenship. It is very difficult to carry on with the day-to-day activities of life in Los Angeles without identification cards. Except when required by federal or state law, it makes great sense for Los Angeles to join with other jurisdictions in accepting for identification purposes the ID cards issued by consular offices. These cards will enable many of the City's residents to participate in such basic services as signing on for power and water service, obtaining senior citizen taxi coupons, obtaining library cards, reporting domestic violence, participating in other City programs and services, and even having access to City Hall in order to meet with elected officials or to attend Council meetings.

Department Positions

Office of the City Attorney
The Office of the City Attorney reports that there are no legal issues that would prevent the City from implementing the proposed program.
Los Angeles World Airports

The Security Technology Section oversees the issuance of airport identification badges. All airport workers must present a government-issued photo ID in order to obtain an airport ID badge. The department states that they would be willing to accept identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate or other consulates and requests that a facsimile of the identification cards be forwarded for circulation to all airport badging offices. The department also indicates that all travelers must present valid identification to the airlines and to the Federal TSA security screeners; however, the department has no control over what forms of identification the airlines will accept.

The Department of General Service

The Security Services Division indicates that they support the acceptance of these identification cards and would accept these cards as a valid form of identification for entry into City Hall and other City buildings.

Harbor

Identification from the public is required at the Port of Los Angeles as follows:

1. All cruise ship passengers are required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license, before they board their vessel.

2. Visitors to the Harbor Department Administrative Headquarters in San Pedro are required to sign in, state their business and the person they are seeing, and are issued a visitor's badge. If the Security Officer receptionist has any questions about the legitimacy of their visit, they will be required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license.

3. As of May 1, 2002 the United States Coast Guard is requiring that all persons entering waterfront facilities (e.g. shipping terminals) be required to show a valid identification card in order to gain admittance. Acceptable identification cards include:

* Driver's license facility ID card
* Government ID card - PMA (Pacific Maritime Association) card
* Passport labor organization card

The Harbor Department indicates that it is not opposed to the use of the cards referenced in the matter before the Council.

The Library Department

To obtain a library card, the Library Department requires identification showing the person's name and current address. A California Driver's License or a California ID card issued by the DMV are valid for this purpose. Persons not possessing either of these forms of ID may present any two of the following, one of which must contain the current address:

* printed personal check
*credit card
*rental or property tax receipt
*"official mail" (from a business or organization or government body) with current postmark.

Since Matricula Consular identification cards contain a name and current address, these cards would qualify as the only ID required by the Library.

The Los Angeles Police Department
The Police Department is investigating the possibility of accepting these identification cards. The department indicates that a representative will be present at the Committee meeting to respond to this request.

POLICY:
The following policy was developed by the Office of the City Attorney:
(1) The acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate does not create any new rights that are enforceable through a civil action so that a violation of the policy by failure or refusal to accept the identification cards will not subject the City and/or its employees to liability for monetary damages; (2) City departments shall have the right to request additional information needed to enable the departments to fulfill their responsibilities; (3) City departments are not required to accept the identification if there is a reasonable belief that the identification card is counterfeit, altered, does not belong to the holder, or otherwise contains inaccurate information. (4) City departments are not required to accept the identification where federal or state regulations or directives preempt City policy or where they require the City to obtain other types of identification in order to qualify for federal or state programs/funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no impact on the General Fund.

DEPARTMENT(S) NOTIFIED:
Department of Aging
Los Angeles World Airports
Office of the City Attorney
Animal Services
Building and Safety
Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families
Office of the City Clerk
Community Development Department
Cultural Affairs Department
Department on Disability
Fire Department
The Department of General Services
Harbor
Housing Department
Information Technology Agency
Library Department
Personnel Department
Planning Department
The Los Angeles Police Department
Department of Public Works
The Department of Recreation and Parks
The Commission on the Status of Women
The Department of Transportation
Water and Power
Zoo

Ronald F. Deaton
Chief Legislative Analyst

Attachments: 1. Motion
2. Department of Animal Services’ Response
3. Department of Building & Safety’s Response
4. Community Development Department’s Response
5. Fire Department’s Response
6. Harbor Department’s Response
7. Library Department’s Response
8. Personnel Department’s Response
OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE MEXICAN CONSULATE KNOWN AS MATRICULA CONSULAR

AUTHOR
Garcetti Mover 2002 / Reyes / Padilla / Pacheco / Ridley-Thomas / Miscikowski / Perry

SUBJECT
Motion - In the past three months Mexican immigrants have deposited more than $50 million in banks throughout California and they have been able to use, among other identification documents, their ID cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico. Among the banks accepting this form of identification are Wells Fargo, Bank of America, the California Credit Union, U.S. Bank and California Union Bank. The Mexican government issues the identification cards known as "matricula consular," to residents living abroad who can prove Mexican citizenship. The cards are state-of-the-art photo ID's with safeguards to prevent counter-fitting.

The use of these identity cards is being accepted by more and more agencies and entities in this region as well as in San Francisco, Albuquerque and Austin. Santa Ana was the first city in the nation to accept cards issued by the Mexican consulate - and from other foreign governments - as legal identification. The Oakland City Council voted on February 5, 2002, the second city in the nation to accept these cards. Some airlines now recognize them for flights within the United States and other businesses are beginning to use them for establishing store layaway plans. Orange County has announced a plan in which police officers would accept cards issued by the Mexican government as proof of identity during police stops. This plan has been endorsed by police chiefs throughout the county.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to carry on with the day-to-day activities of life in Los Angeles without identification cards. And, except when required by federal or state law, it makes great sense for Los Angeles to join with other jurisdictions in accepting for identification purposes the ID cards issued by consular offices. These cards will enable many of our residents to participate in such basic services as signing on for power and water service, obtaining senior citizen taxi coupons, obtaining library cards, reporting domestic violence, participating in other City programs and services, and even having access to our City Hall in order to meet with elected officials or to attend Council meetings.

As one of the largest concentrations of Mexican nationals outside of Mexico is within the City of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City investigate the feasibility of accepting official identity cards issued by the Mexican Consulate on a six month pilot program basis.

THEREFORE MOVE that all City departments and bureaus in the normal course of their operations and interactions with the public be authorized to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis effective on the date of the adoption of this Motion, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico known as "matricula consular," which cards bear a photograph of the person and the date of birth.

FURTHER MOVE that upon the expiration of the first six month pilot program the City Council consider an extension of the program for an additional suitable period and expansion of the program to identification cards issued by other consulates which have programs similar to that of the Mexican Consulate.

DATEREC
3/1/02

ACTIONS
3-1-02 - This days Council session
3-1-02 - Ref to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
3-1-02 - File to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Clerk
4-23-02 - For ref - Transmittal from the Chief Legislative Analyst relative to acceptance of Identity Cards issued by the Mexican Consulate.
4-23-02 - Ref to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee - to Committee Clerk

Simple Search
From: Margaret Sullivan  
To: Tricia Carey  
Date: 4/26/02 2:44PM  
Subject: Mexican Consulate Identification Cards

If the Police Department will accept the Mexican Consulate Identification Cards for citations, the Department of Animal Services can also accept the cards.

ID cards are used for the Department’s over-the-counter transactions at our shelters and for issuing citations in the field.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
DATE: April 18, 2002

TO: Tricia Carey, Legislative Analyst
Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst

FROM: Tom Whelan, Executive Officer
Department of Building and Safety

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE MEXICAN CONSULATE

This correspondence is in response to your request for review of the pending Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Resolution to accept identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate. The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) requires proof of identification when accepting personal checks, credit card purchases and during the administration of trade license examinations and license issuance. The identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate would be acceptable for these purposes.

If you have questions or if additional information would be of assistance regarding this matter, please contact Grace Harper, Chief of the this Department’s Resource Management Bureau at (213) 977-6198.
As requested, use of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate has been reviewed.

The identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate can be used for identification purposes for programs administered by the Community Development Department (CDD). However, many of the programs administered by CDD have additional eligibility requirements that cannot be established when based only on the use of the identification card. For those programs, additional documentation would be required.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information about this item.
April 22, 2002

TO:    Tricia Carey, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst

FROM:  John C. Ware, Chief of Staff, Fire Department

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE MEXICAN CONSULATE

In response to your inquiry of April 17, 2002, the identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate would have no impact on Fire Department operations.

The Fire Department does not search for, nor does it request, formal identification from the public. When appropriate, the Fire Department requests medical information and medical insurance information from the public.

If you have any further questions, please contact Lori Kwiatkowski of my office at 485-3828.

WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
Fire Chief

JOHN C. WARE
Chief of Staff

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Tricia Carey - Mexican Consulate ID Cards

From: "Bill Stein" <BSTEIN@portla.org>
To: <tcarey@cla.lacity.org>
Date: 4/22/2002 2:23 PM
Subject: Mexican Consulate ID Cards

Tricia-

I am responding to the note you faxed to the Harbor Department on April 17. Identification from the public is required at the Port of Los Angeles as follows:

1. All cruise ship passengers are required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license, before they board their vessel.

2. Visitors to the Harbor Department Administrative Headquarters in San Pedro are required to sign in, state their business and the person they are seeing and are issued a visitor's badge. If our Security Officer receptionist has any questions about the legitimacy of their visit, they will be required to show photo ID, preferably a driver's license.

3. As of May 1, 2002 the United States Coast Guard is requiring that all persons entering waterfront facilities (eg. shipping terminals) will be required to show a valid identification card in order to gain admittance. Acceptable identification cards include:

   - driver's license
   - government ID card
   - passport
   - facility ID card
   - PMA (Pacific Maritime Association) card
   - labor organization card

The Harbor Department is not opposed to the use of the cards referenced in the matter before the Council.

Please call me at (310) 732-3700 or e-mail me at bstein@portla.org if you need any additional information.

Bill Stein
Director of Administration
Tricia Carey - Library's Response to Acceptance of Mexican Consulate ID cards

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Tricia:
To obtain a library card, the Library Department requires identification showing the person's name and current address. Either a California Driver's License or a California ID card issued by the DMV are valid for this purpose. Persons not possessing either of these forms of ID may present any two of the following, one of which must contain the current address:
-- printed personal check
-- credit card
-- rental or property tax receipt
-- "official mail" (from a business or organization or government body) with current postmark.

If the Matricula Consular shows a name and current address, it would qualify as the only ID required by the Library. If it does not include a current address, it would qualify as one of the two forms of alternate identification indicated above.

I will be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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CF #02-0399
"Official Identity Cards Issued by the Mexican Consulate Known as Matricula Consular"

Instances where identification is required from the public by the Personnel Department:

- Police Officer and Firefighter candidates appearing to take written and performance tests
- Applicants for general City exams appearing to take written tests
- Occupational Health-related services:
  - Workers' compensation patients picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy
  - New patients at the Ortho/Cardiac clinic
  - Candidates appearing for various medical examinations and/or tests as part of the selection process.

In all cases, the identification card issued by the Mexican Consulate could be accepted as a valid form of identification.

As a note, the INS has a series of rules of what is acceptable proof that a person has a legal right to work in the U.S. Currently, the responsibility for I-9 verification is with the operating departments. If this identification card is considered an acceptable document, operating departments should be advised accordingly.
RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ITEM: DATE: 04/17/02 C.F.# 02-0399

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Identity Cards Issued by the Mexican Consulate

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Approve Motion (Garcetti - Reyes - Padilla - Ridley-Thomas - Miscikowski - Perry) instructing all City departments and bureaus to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico. Upon expiration of the pilot program, it is recommended that the appropriate City departments develop a policy relative to the ongoing acceptance of identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate and other consulates.

SUMMARY: Recognizing that the City of Los Angeles has one of the highest concentrations of Mexican Nationals, it is appropriate that the City investigate the feasibility of accepting official identity cards issued by the Mexican Consulate on a six month pilot program basis. The Mexican government issues the identification cards known as "matricula consular," to residents living abroad who can prove Mexican citizenship. It is very difficult to carry on with the day-to-day activities of life in Los Angeles without identification cards. Except when required by federal or state law, it makes great sense for Los Angeles to join with other jurisdictions in accepting for identification purposes the ID cards issued by consular offices. These cards will enable many of the City's residents to participate in such basic services as signing on for power and water service, obtaining senior citizen taxi coupons, obtaining library cards, reporting domestic violence, participating in other City programs and services, and even having access to City Hall in order to meet with elected officials or to attend Council meetings.

Department Positions

Office of the City Attorney
The Office of the City Attorney reports that there are no legal issues that would prevent the City from implementing the proposed program. The City Attorney's Office states that the following items should be considered before formally adopting such a program:

1. The policy should state clearly that it does not create any new rights that are enforceable through a civil action. Thus, a violation of the policy by failure or refusal to accept the identification cards should not subject the City and/or its employees to liability for money damages.

2. The policy should not prohibit City departments from requesting additional information which would enable the department to fulfill its responsibilities.

3. City departments should not be required to accept the identification if there is a reasonable belief that the identification card is counterfeit, altered, does not belong to the holder, or otherwise contains inaccurate information.

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4. City departments should not be required to accept the identification where federal or
state regulations or directives preempt City policy or where they require the City to obtain
other types of identification in order to qualify for federal or state programs/funding.

Los Angeles World Airports
The Security Technology Section oversees the issuance of airport identification badges. All
airport workers must present a government-issued photo ID in order to obtain an airport ID
badge. The department states that they would be willing to accept identification cards issued by
the Mexican Consulate or other consulates and requests that a facsimile of the identification
cards be forwarded for circulation to all airport badging offices. The department also indicates
that all travelers must present valid identification to the airlines and to the Federal TSA security
screeners; however, the department has no control over what forms of identification the airlines
will accept.

The Department of General Service
The Security Services Division indicates that they support the acceptance of these identification
cards and would accept these cards as a valid form of identification for entry into City Hall and
other City buildings.

The Los Angeles Police Department
The Police Department is investigating the possibility of accepting these identification cards.
The department indicates that a representative will be present at the Committee meeting to
respond to this request.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no impact on the General Fund.

DEPARTMENT(S) NOTIFIED:
The Office of the City Attorney
The Los Angeles Police Department
The Department of General Services
Los Angeles World Airports

Attachment: 1. Motion
In the past three months Mexican immigrants have deposited more than $50 million in banks throughout California and they have been able to use, among other identification documents, their ID cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico. Among the banks accepting this form of identification are Wells Fargo, Bank of America, the California Credit Union, U.S. Bank and California Union Bank. The Mexican government issues the identification cards known as “matricula consular,” to residents living abroad who can prove Mexican citizenship. The cards are state-of-the-art photo ID’s with safeguards to prevent counter-fitting.

The use of these identity cards is being accepted by more and more agencies and entities in this region as well as in San Francisco, Albuquerque and Austin. Santa Ana was the first city in the nation to accept cards issued by the Mexican consulate - and from other foreign governments - as legal identification. The Oakland City Council voted on February 5, 2002, the second city in the nation to accept these cards. Some airlines now recognize them for flights within the United States and other businesses are beginning to use them for establishing store layaway plans. Orange County has announced a plan in which police officers would accept cards issued by the Mexican government as proof of identity during police stops. This plan has been endorsed by police chiefs throughout the county.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to carry on with the day-to-day activities of life in Los Angeles without identification cards. And, except when required by federal or state law, it makes great sense for Los Angeles to join with other jurisdictions in accepting for identification purposes the ID cards issued by consular offices. These cards will enable many of our residents to participate in such basic services as signing on for power and water service, obtaining senior citizen taxi coupons, obtaining library cards, reporting domestic violence, participating in other City programs and services, and even having access to our City Hall in order to meet with elected officials or to attend Council meetings.

As one of the largest concentrations of Mexican nationals outside of Mexico is within the City of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City investigate the feasibility of accepting official identity cards issued by the Mexican Consulate on a six month pilot program basis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that all City departments and bureaus in the normal course of their operations and interactions with the public be authorized to accept for identification purposes on a six month pilot basis effective on the date of the adoption of this Motion, identification cards issued by the Consulate of Mexico known as “matricula consular,” which cards bear a photograph of the person and the date of birth.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon the expiration of the first six month pilot program the City Council consider an extension of the program for an additional suitable period and expansion of the program to identification cards issued by other consulates which have programs similar to that of the Mexican Consulate.