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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles respects and supports the human and civil rights of all individuals residing and/or visiting the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the valuable contributions by immigrants from nations throughout the world, and that such contributions have played a major role in the development of the United States; and

WHEREAS, immigrant contributions include the construction of major transportation systems such as bridges and highways; introduction of food, music and art form; education and labor movements; and participation in war efforts while defending this country; and

WHEREAS, because of their vulnerability and inability to vote, immigrants are seldom participants in the policy decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, immigrant raids and deportations, hate crimes and a growing anti-immigrant sentiment are evidence that the rights of immigrant continue to be violated; and

WHEREAS, immigrant rights activists recognize that the oppression of immigrants is one of the greatest human rights crises of our time and have organized a hunger strike to bring attention to the issue; and

WHEREAS, Fast for Our Future has organized a hunger strike to commemorate the rights of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the safety and protection of all communities, including immigrant communities, is a priority for this City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles applauds and celebrates any effort, symbolic or legislative, that promotes dignity and respect for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes and commends the effort of Fast for Our Future to hold the hunger strike in support of immigrant rights.

PRESENTED BY

Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

Councilmember, 14th District

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