

RESOLUTION RULES, COLLECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

13-0002-542

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have been first adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers are employed in the private homes of their employers to perform a variety of tasks such as housecleaning and childcare; and

WHEREAS, in California this workforce is comprised largely of female immigrants who often experience substandard conditions, earn low wages, and lack access to basic healthcare; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers often work in conditions where they are isolated and invisible and thus vulnerable to abuse and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, domestic workers do not currently possess many of the basic legal protections enjoyed by other workers in California, including the right to safe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the State Legislature is AB 241 (Ammiano) which would declare the intention of the legislature to extend equal protections to domestic workers; and

WHEREAS, in July 2011 the City adopted a Resolution (Huizar – Cardenas) to support Assembly Bill 889 (Ammiano) which would have specially regulated the wages, hours, and working conditions of domestic work employees (C.F. 11-0002-S109); however, this bill was vetoed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for statewide action to codify the rights of domestic workers into law and provide such workers the opportunity to possess the same workplace rights and protections enjoyed by others; and

WHEREAS, support of AB 241 (Ammiano) is consistent with past City actions to support safe working conditions and fair treatment for all workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-14 State Legislative Program support of AB 241 (Ammiano), which would declare the intention of the legislature to extend equal rights to domestic workers and standardize an industry made largely invisible.

PRESENTED BY:

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