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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District has repeatedly urged the federal government to enact humane comprehensive immigration reform; most recently in 2014 with the unanimous passage of the Keeping LAUSD Families Together resolution, as well as the 2013 Urge Action for Comprehensive Immigration Reform from the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little control over their immigration status, the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and equal protection rights of the 14th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult school facilities would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students; and

WHEREAS, some government agencies have adopted policies that resist any government action that may lead to the discovery of a person's immigration status; and

WHEREAS, there is no written state or federal law that requires local districts to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District is a Resolution (Mr. Zimmer, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Garcia) declaring LA Unified Campuses as Safe Zones and Resource Centers for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement (Res-032-15/16);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program support for the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Resolution (Mr. Zimmer, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Garcia) declaring LA Unified Campuses as Safe Zones and Resource Centers for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement (Res-032-15/16), as further described in the text of this Resolution.

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