

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS REPORT relative to the appointment of an Immigrant Advocate and changing the name of the Committee.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Council President's selection of Mr. Peter Schey to provide immigration advocacy / consulting services to the City of Los Angeles.
2. FIND that the services to be provided by Mr. Peter Schey are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees.
3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to negotiate and execute the necessary agreement with Mr. Peter Schey for the above purposes at the rate of \$1 per year, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
4. APPROVE changing the name of the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs to the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs and Civil Rights.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CLA nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs dated March 29, 2017, the CLA recommends that Council approve the selection of Mr. Peter Schey to provide immigration advocacy / consulting services to the City of Los Angeles. The CLA reports that the Immigrant Advocate will serve as an advisor to Council and provide advice relative to immigrant affairs and the following:

- Review of current City policies aimed at protecting immigrants from discrimination and recommendations to enhance such policies.
- Development of strategies to protect the City against the current administration's executive orders.
- Collaboration with the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Community College District, and other public and private colleges and universities to identify mutual areas of concern and coordinate strategies to protect students and keep families together.
- Work with community groups and immigration advocates to establish clear paths of communication to educate the community relative to protections against notaries and other individuals that take advantage of immigrant communities.
- Identify areas of potential collaboration with County, State, and federal governments to develop comprehensive strategies that may result in legislative, administrative, and/or legal action to protect the City's residents.

- Respond to requests made by Council and the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs.

According to the CLA, Mr. Schey is the founder and president of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law. He is co-founder of El Rescate and the Coalition for Humane and Immigration Reform of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) and he is the founder of the National Immigration Law Center. Mr. Schey also co-drafted the federal immigration legalization (amnesty) law enacted by Congress in 1986 and the LIFE Act legalization program enacted by Congress in 2000.

At its special meeting held April 12, 2017, the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs discussed this matter with a representative of the CLA. During the public comment period, support was expressed for the CLA's recommendations. Committee members approved the CLA's recommendations and went on to discuss related issues regarding current federal policy regarding immigrants and local government. It was stated that this matter has become a broader civil rights issue. Committee members recommended that Council approve changing the name of the Committee to the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs and Civil Rights.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

MEMBER	VOTE
CEDILLO:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
RYU:	YES

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