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On November 8, 2016, President-elect Donald J. Trump won the United States presidency with 306 electoral votes. His campaign has been marked by divisive and controversial speeches where a wide range of promises were made to those who voted for him. Indeed, economic and legal status, immigration, religious background and country of origin have been major components of President-elect Trump's platform, including a call to deport 3 million immigrants immediately. Since election, he has nominated U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General, a man once nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the federal court, only to be rejected by the Senate due to racist and insensitive remarks unbecoming the office.

One of the promises that President-elect Trump has made is with respect to so-called, "sanctuary cities" across the country, where he has promised huge federal spending cutbacks. Los Angeles, Chicago and New York each have diverse makeups; leadership to combat divisive and racist policy is needed.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Council President Herb Wesson reiterated the Council's support of the immigrant communities of Los Angeles by leading the rest of the nation in opposition to mass incarceration, mass deportation and religious tests, as promised by President-elect Trump. The City will not cooperate with federal officials on deportation, will not inquire on immigration status, and will not change the community policing approach. LAPD's own Special Order Number 40 will remain intact – a directive from the Chief of Police that no officer is to engage in this type of approach with residents of the city.

Harassment and assaults against immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBT community, Muslim and Jewish communities is now known to have surged and is being reported on by major news outlets. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Southern Poverty Law Center published an updated report on the alarming amount of hate crimes across the United States which have spiked since the election of President-elect Trump. School principals from all over the City of Los Angeles are reporting incidents where children and families have been harassed and told to "go home" or "leave."

It is the moral obligation of the City to provide as much assistance as possible to the communities impacted, in order to restore the public trust and enable a safe zone for questions related to constitutional rights of all people: immigrants, minorities and anyone else in need.

The City has partnered with various non-profit agencies to provide various forms of legal assistance to our constituents. It is imperative that the City update these programs to reflect current political and social realities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report with recommendations and strategies to provide free legal assistance to qualified constituents on immigration matters, including, securing / coordinating the services of outside legal counsel on a pro-bono basis, an outreach and advocacy strategy to reach communities of need, and the feasibility of using City-owned facilities to provide this assistance and outreach.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Unified School District be requested to make a presentation on current practices with regard to immigration assistance and recommendations for collaboration with the City on immigrant affairs.

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