


The Trump Administration has proposed policies that have the potential to divide our nation along racial, religious, and immigration status, which is the antithesis to our shared American values. Actions such as the stepped up enforcement of detainment and deportation efforts of foreign born residents, and a proposal to build a wall between Mexico and the United States along the southern border has created anxiety and stress within hard working immigrant communities where many fear that they will be removed from their families and livelihoods. The polarized political climate is palatable. The proposed border wall is an affront to American core values of opportunity, entrepreneurship, and sacrificing to make a better way for the next generation.

The Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) serves to maintain fair access and distribution to contracts and to protect the taxpayer's funds and community interests by monitoring strict adherence to City ordinances, and contract provisions. The BCA are responsible for enforcing a number of City ordinances to ensure contracts and services are implemented to serve City of Los Angeles interests. Through the Labor Compliance Ordinance, Affirmative Action/ Equal Employment Opportunities Ordinance, Equal Benefits Ordinance, Living Wage Ordinance, Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance, and the Slavery Disclosure Ordinance, the City ensures that financial interests are not prioritized over human interests. BCA enforces all of these measures and prohibits entities that violate the provisions from using public dollars. Given the potential harmful impacts of the proposed border wall, the City should fully understand the potential detrimental impacts of also utilizing companies, corporations, contractors, procurers, and suppliers that are soliciting work on the ill-conceived border wall project.

City residents deserve to know how the City's public funds are being spent, and whether they are supporting individuals or entities involved in the construction or operation of the border wall that could eventually harm the City and its residents. No one should be allowed to profit from such a project. The City needs to have all information available to assess, through the BCA, if potential contracts and service agreements are equally beneficial to our constituents and promote fair business practices.


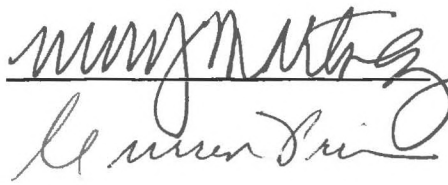

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing prospective and existing contractors with the City of Los Angeles to disclose under affidavit whether they have any contracts for design, construction, supply, procurement, or other development related services regarding building any proposed border wall between Mexico and the United States of America.

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