

# RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles today is forged from the vision of the founders – Los Pobladores who, over two hundred years ago, were a diverse yet determined band of settlers working against the foreseeable odds to create economic opportunity, extract sustenance from the earth, and raise their families; and

WHEREAS, the term “immigrant” captures all those who are foreign-born, some who have attained a protected status such as U.S. citizens and permanent residents, and those with temporary protection such as Employment Authorization (work permits); Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for people in the United States who cannot return to their country due to armed conflict or natural disaster; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) for undocumented individuals who were brought to the U.S. as children; and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) for undocumented parents of U.S. citizen children; and

WHEREAS, immigrants include men, women, and children, who represent the LGBTQ community, U.S. military, veterans, students, workers, business owners and professionals that contribute to our local, state and national economies, holding jobs as cooks, gardeners, house cleaners, and seamstresses, as well as attorneys, doctors, teachers, engineers, artists and entertainers; and

WHEREAS, irrespective of immigration status, immigrant communities across the United States are being profiled, targeted and persecuted based on a federal political agenda that demonizes immigrants from Latin America, Middle East, Asia and African countries; and

WHEREAS, contrary to statements by the Trump Administration that most DACA participants are “young people who would become members of violent gangs throughout the country, such as MS-13,” of the estimated 800,000 DACA participants nationwide, over 90% are currently employed and 45% are in school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a commitment to the dignified and equal treatment of its citizens regardless of their immigration status and has historically adopted policies that protect the safety and peace of those seeking to achieve the American dream within our local borders; and

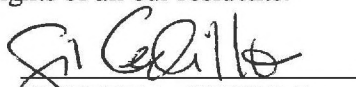
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles reaffirms its position that enforcement of federal immigration law is a function solely delegated to the U.S Congress by the U.S. Constitution, and any local resources used to enforce federal immigration law by local police authorities would be unconstitutional; and


WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will continue to uphold the U.S. Constitution while implementing the following policies designed to improve the trust between law enforcement and our most vulnerable populations:

- Special Order 40 prohibits police officers from initiating any action to determine a person's immigration status and from arresting anyone due to immigration status;
- Warrants for detainees otherwise eligible for release will be honored when issued by a judicial body; and
- Mayor's Executive Directive 20, *Standing with Immigrants: A City of Safety, Refuge, and Opportunity for All*, provides equal access to City services, provides a fostering and welcoming atmosphere for all residents regardless of status, and protects personal data from being divulged to authorities or collected without a legal requirement to do so;

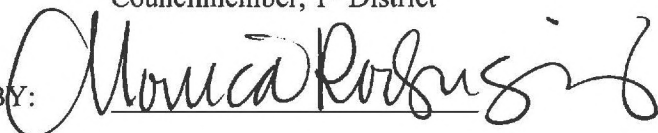
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we declare the City of Los Angeles to be a City of Sanctuary, protecting the human rights of all our residents.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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