

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, on September 21, 2018 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a proposed rule change, to add a new regulation that would guide how the DHS will determine whether an individual is inadmissible to the United States because he or she is likely, at any time in the future, to become a "public charge" under federal law; and

WHEREAS, individuals applying for a visa, admission at a port of entry, or adjustment of status would be required to prove that they would not be a "public charge;" and

WHEREAS, DHS proposes to include the acceptance of public benefits as a factor in immigration public charge determinations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would impact those who have received or are currently receiving any public assistance such as food stamps, federal housing, rental assistance and healthcare benefits and are seeking an immigration status change; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change could also affect individuals seeking a change in immigration status who are under 18 or over 61; have a medical condition that could interfere with work or school; are without a health plan; have bad credit; or other factors that DHS may use to determine ineligibility; and

WHEREAS such a radical change would create significant barriers for low-income immigrants applying for U.S. residency or adjusting their legal status, discourage visa holders from applying for public benefits, and for employers who may face difficulties retaining workers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change would have a devastating impact on the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles who lawfully receive public benefits; and

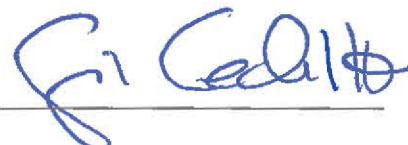
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to the Department of Homeland Security's Proposed Rule titled "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds."

PRESENTED BY:


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