

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the State of California implemented a licensing and oversight program for foreign labor contractors by adopting SB 477 (Steinberg) in 2014; and

WHEREAS, this bill was adopted to address the fact that some foreign labor contractors mistreat their workers, charge unfair fees for their services, deceive workers about the terms and conditions of their employment, and engage in human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, despite the clear intent of the Legislature at the time SB 477 was adopted to include agricultural contract workers, a provision in SB 477 states that it applies to nonagricultural contract workers only; and

WHEREAS, SB 477 should also include agricultural contractors, whose licensing program is governed under a different section of State Law; and

WHEREAS, unscrupulous agricultural labor contractors will continue to engage in human trafficking and other abuses if SB 477 is not clarified; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the legislature is AB 1913 (Kalra) which would clarify existing State law by adding foreign agricultural labor contractors to the existing foreign labor contractor registration program; and

WHEREAS, AB 1913 will help safeguard the safety of agricultural workers and should be supported; and

WHEREAS, we must do everything possible to ensure that labor contractors do not engage in human trafficking and other abuses;

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 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1913 (Kalra), which would clarify existing State law by adding foreign agricultural labor contractors to the existing foreign labor contractor registration program.

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