

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, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforces federal laws governing border control, customs, trade, and immigration within the borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the hostile rhetoric towards the immigrant community in the United States and increasingly aggressive enforcement actions of ICE, there have been calls for the elimination of ICE by activists and members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, ICE has continued to enforce federal law through invasive and immoral practices, including the targeting of individuals as they exit hospitals, courts, or drop their children off at school; and

WHEREAS, these actions have resulted in fear and anxiety within the immigrant community, preventing families from conducting their daily affairs for fear of deportation, endangering the livelihood and safety of entire communities; and

WHEREAS, despite lower crime rates among immigrants when compared to the general population nationwide, there has been an increase in dangerous rhetoric equating immigrants to criminals; and

WHEREAS, ICE has been accused of implementation of discriminatory enforcement practices including the targeting of individuals based on perceived national origin and/or foreign language usage; and

WHEREAS, the former acting director of ICE, Thomas Homan, testified before Congress that increased enforcement actions were aimed at making unauthorized immigrants feel uncomfortable, worried, and like they should look over their shoulders; and

WHEREAS, the status quo of intimidation and persecution facing unauthorized immigrants in Los Angeles, and nationwide is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, an agency which endangers the well-being and human rights of any individual contradicts the principles of government and should be abolished, pending increased accountability and enforcement that is wholly in accordance with the law;

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 SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action which would result in the elimination of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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