

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, since entering office in January 2017, the current Administration has consistently targeted immigrants through senseless and inhumane policies, regulatory changes, and executive orders, in violation of federal law; and

WHEREAS, under the current Administration, U.S. attorneys general have used their power to make changes to how applications for asylum are processed and to limit the ability of immigration judges to exercise discretion; and

WHEREAS, the current Administration has also attempted to add a citizenship question to the 2020 U.S. census and through federal rule changes, has targeted immigrants who use public services and housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the current Administration deployed the National Guard and Active-Duty Military to the southern U.S. border, implemented the Zero-Tolerance Policy, and aggressively and inhumanely engaged in the practice of family separations and incarceration of children as young as four months old; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Administration has created panic and fear among the immigrant community, and confusion within immigration enforcement agencies, by announcing politically motivated immigration raids; and

WHEREAS, the current Administration's nominee for director of ICE, Mark Morgan, represents a clear and present danger, and his appointment would be a disservice to society as he has publicly stated that he can judge the likelihood that an unaccompanied minor will become a gang member by looking into that child's eyes; and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has reported that Customs and Border Patrol are responsible for sexual abuse, physical assault, and denial of medical care, clean water and food to children. Recent investigations have revealed the inhumane living conditions of children in detention centers, also referred to as Trump Camps and concentration camps. The Trump Administration has argued in court that detained migrant children in detention centers do not need soap, toothbrushes, beds or blankets; and

WHEREAS, as of May 2019, the cruel and excruciating treatment and lack of medical care in immigration detention centers has led to the death of at least six migrant children U.S. custody, including: Darlyn Cristabel Cordova-Valle, 10, El Salvador; Jakelin Caal Maquin, 7, Guatemala; Felipe Gomez Alonzo, 8, Guatemala; Juan de Leon Gutierrez, 16, Guatemala; Wilmer Josue Ramirez Vasquez, 2, Guatemala; and Carlos Hernandez Vasquez, 16, Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Los Angeles has declared itself a City of Sanctuary and has reaffirmed policies that officers will not initiate police action with the purpose of discovering immigration status, will not honor ICE Detainer requests, and will not deputize local police officers as immigration officers, the City must also denounce and oppose the Trump Administration inhumane and cruel policies and practices attacking immigrant children and families;

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 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to legislative and/or administrative action which violates the rights of immigrant children and families, such as the prolonged detention of minor children in immigration detention centers, which violates the Flores Agreement, separation of families, and deportation.



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