RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS RESOLUTION

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, existing law prohibits California law enforcement agencies from using public funds or personnel to investigate, detain, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2019, Assembly Bill (AB) 1747 (Gonzalez) was introduced to prohibit California law enforcement agencies from making agency databases or any information contained in such databases available to any entity for the purpose of immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, according to the author of the bill, recent reports have found that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) has been accessing state-run databases containing information about individuals who obtained their driver's licenses under AB 60; and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the National Immigration Law Center report that between January 1, 2017, and April 10, 2018, DHS made 594 inquiries to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) driver's license database and over 1,000 inquiries to the DMV vehicle registration database specifically for immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, applicants for AB 60 driver's licenses has dropped sharply due to fear of immigration enforcement and deportation; and

WHEREAS, the fear of immigration officials gaining access to state databases undermines the purpose of the law established by AB 60 which is to enable residents to drive legally and to be insured; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has previously supported legislation that limits or restricts information sharing with federal immigration officials as permitted by federal law to protect the immigrant community;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 1747 which would prohibit California law enforcement agencies from making agency databases or any information contained in such databases available to any entity for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

PRESENTED BY RT A. CEDILLO

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