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 January 2017, federal rules, executive orders and other administrative actions proposed by the Trump Administration, have targeted the most vulnerable in our communities—immigrant families and immigrant children; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City submitted comments opposing the Department of Homeland Security proposed “public charge” rule to prohibit immigrant families from accessing critical life-line programs such as healthcare, nutrition, and housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has proposed a rule that can have devastating consequences on the families and children with mixed immigration status who receive federal housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, currently, federal law allows families with mixed immigration status (mixed status) to receive prorated federal housing subsidies if at least one member of the family is eligible to receive assistance with amount of the subsidy based on the number of eligible family members; and

WHEREAS, mixed status families include members that qualify and some that do not qualify for housing assistance based on their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, HUD housing assistance may only benefit U.S. citizens, permanent residents, refugees, and asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule threatens to screen for immigration status all residents in federal public housing under the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition that there are approximately 25,000 families with mixed status nationwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), approximately 16 percent of the families in occupied HACLA units pay a prorated amount and are at risk of losing their housing with the proposed rule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles does not support legislation or administration action that threatens the stability of families and children and leads to homelessness;

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 the Department of Housing and Urban Development Proposed Rule titled “Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status” which would require all residents under the age of 62 to have their immigration status screened through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (SAVE), which is operated by the Department of Homeland Security; and request the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to prepare and submit comments in response to the proposed HUD rule.

PRESENTED BY
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District
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SECONDED BY
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