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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, there are currently an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, including millions of children who were brought to this country at a young age, all of whom are suffering from an outdated, inefficient, and slow-moving immigration system that has not been meaningfully amended by the United States Congress for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States loses large numbers of highly skilled workers due to lengthy and complicated processes involved in obtaining and maintaining legal residency status, which necessitates that comprehensive immigration reform include permanent residency opportunities for these workers; and

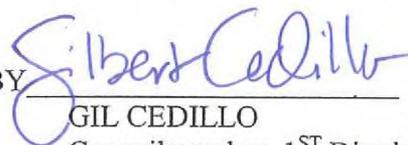
WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Senate is a bill, SJR 8, introduced on April 8, 2013 by Senator Lou Correa, "Overall Immigration Reform", which resolves that the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, urge the Congress and the President of the United States to take a comprehensive and workable approach to improving the nation's immigration system; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that legalizing the status of undocumented immigrants currently living and working in the United States would raise the gross domestic product by approximately \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years and increase wages for all workers including current United States citizens ; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform should include a reasonable and timely path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living and working in the United States already, comprehensive background checks of these individuals, require demonstrated proficiency in English, and payment of all current and back taxes owed;

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 2013-2014 State Legislative Program support for SJR 8, "Overall Immigration Reform", which resolves that the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, urge the Congress and the President of the United States to take a comprehensive and workable approach to improving the nation's immigration system.

PRESENTED BY



GIL CEDILLO

Councilmember, 1ST District

SECONDED BY



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