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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Obama this week called for immigration reform, following previous statements that significant immigration reform would be part of his early second term agenda; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform is required in light of the 11.1 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States, including a large number within the City of Los Angeles, and the \$18 billion spent on immigration enforcement spent nationally every year; and,

WHEREAS, current federal policy places extreme burdens onto local government budgets, including that of the City of Los Angeles, and;

WHEREAS, budget and economic pressures could be eased by comprehensive immigration reform given that immigrant-owned businesses employ 10 percent of American private-sector workers and generate more than \$775 billion in revenues to the U.S. economy and, while comprising 12.9 percent of the American population, immigrants started 28 percent of American businesses in 2011, and;

WHEREAS, current federal policy discourages immigrants from acquiring the proper documentation and earning citizenship, and;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would acknowledge the dignity, hard work and respect for the United States of many undocumented immigrants;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution the Los Angeles City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor, hereby includes in the City of Los Angeles 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for federal comprehensive immigration reform that creates a pathway towards citizenship for law-abiding, tax paying immigrant workers and their families; reduces immigration backlogs; offers opportunity for immigrant students to pursue a college education; promotes civil integration; and implements enforcement measures in a humane manner.

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