

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing linkages between the FamilySource Centers (FSCs) and non-profits that provide immigration services.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Cedillo - Wesson - Huizar - Price):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) to request FSCs to establish linkages with non-profits that provide immigration services, and to include these types of services to the immigrant community as part of future development of the FSC program.
2. DIRECT the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to report back on the possibility of including immigration services within their 17 centers, and/or the option to establish linkages with non-profits who provide said services.
3. DIRECT the Los Angeles Public Library to report back on the feasibility of establishing similar services; and, DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report on other City departments that could host immigration services, and/or referrals to immigration services organizations, as well as what grant funding opportunities and public/private partnerships are available to fund such efforts.
4. DIRECT the HCIDLA and the EWDD to work with the Office of the Mayor on a citywide plan to integrate immigration services and report on timeframes.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on January 28, 2015, the Housing Committee considered Motion (Cedillo - Wesson - Huizar - Price) relative to establishing linkages between the FSCs and non-profits that provide immigration services, and the provision of immigration services by the FSCs, City public libraries, and other City departments.

The Committee Chair, and the maker of the Motion, provided a brief introduction on the matter. Representatives of the HCIDLA and the EWDD addressed the Committee and responded to related questions. During discussion of the matter, the HCIDLA representative reported that HCIDLA will seek further partnerships with immigration services providers at the FSCs, such as the current co-location of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) at the Pacoima FSC, and will also incorporate this relationship structure into the HCIDLA's upcoming FSC Request for Proposal. The EWDD representative reported that the EWDD's 17 WorkSource Centers and 16 YouthSource Centers will also provide information and referrals for immigration services, especially with the recent expansion and the ability of the EWDD to provide work permits to the approximately 250,000 eligibles.

Additionally, the EWDD representative noted that the HCIDLA and the EWDD are working with the Mayor on a citywide plan to integrate the provision of immigrant services. The Committee Vice Chair moved to amend the Motion to direct the HCIDLA and the EWDD to continue to work on the plan and to report back to the Committee with timeframes.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the Motion as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

CEDILLO: YES

FUENTES: YES

PRICE: ABSENT

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