


**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: March 10, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
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Council File No: 15-0002-S119
Assignment No. 16-01-0059

SUBJECT: Resolution (Cedillo - Bonin) to SUPPORT Senate Resolution 39 to Divest from Donald Trump, the Trump Organization, and affiliated entities.

CLA RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of this matter is a policy decision of the City Council. If approved, a position of SUPPORT would be included in the City's 2015-2016 State Legislative Program for Senate Resolution 39, which calls upon the State of California to divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated entities; and direct the City Administrative Officer to report with steps for the City of Los Angeles to divest from the same entities as applicable.

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Cedillo - Bonin), introduced January 15, 2016, resolves to support Senate Resolution 39, which calls upon the State of California to divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization and any affiliated entities which promote racist rhetoric against immigrant families. In addition, it instructs the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report with the necessary steps for the City of Los Angeles to divest from the same Donald Trump affiliates as applicable. Senate Resolution 39 condemns discrimination in any form based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability, and it calls for an end to hate speech and racist rhetoric by all presidential candidates.

The Resolution (Cedillo – Bonin) states that the United States of America was founded on principles of liberty and justice, and the countries' rich diversity of people of all ethnic, racial, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds should be celebrated for tolerance and freedom. The Resolution recognizes the importance of immigrant populations as an economic driver in California, and the fundamental role immigrants play in enriching the extraordinary character of our nation. The Resolution states that aspiring national leaders have a responsibility to engage the public on issues in a thoughtful and respectful way and that the negative and stereotypical rhetoric that has taken place with racist, hateful, and demonizing comments have no place in national political discourse.

Adoption of the Resolution (Cedillo – Bonin) would include a position of support in the 2015-2016 State Legislative Program and also instruct the CAO to report on the steps needed to allow the City of Los Angeles to divest from Donald Trump and affiliated entities.

BILL STATUS

07/08/15	Introduced.
09/11/15	Read. Adopted by Senate.



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Analyst

Attachment: 1. Resolution
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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, The United States of America was founded on the principles of liberty and justice, and these principles enshrined in our Declaration of Independence the self-evident truth that all persons are created equal; and

WHEREAS, The United States was and continues to be built by people of all ethnic, racial, gender, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds and is celebrated for its tolerance, diversity, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to the largest population of immigrants in the United States whose contributions help to drive this state to be the most economically successful and prosperous in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants continue to develop and expand businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create jobs in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, A study by the University of California, Los Angeles, states that legalizing the status of undocumented immigrants working and living in the United States would create approximately \$1.5 trillion in additional gross domestic product growth over the next 10 years and increase wages for all workers; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants fundamentally enrich the extraordinary character of our nation with their unique cultures, heritages, and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles' short-term and long-term economic and social health, security, and prosperity require policies that allow individuals to become legal and enfranchised participants in our society and economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States experienced many historic changes promoting civil rights and progressive social change throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States also experienced tragic events that remind us that more work is needed to achieve equality and justice for all persons; and

WHEREAS, recent events throughout the country have moved the nation to engage in meaningful public dialogue on issues including racial equality, gender equality, LGBT equality, immigration, and other civil rights; and

WHEREAS, negative, demonizing, and stereotypical rhetoric has no place in the national political discourse; and

WHEREAS, racist, hateful speech can incite severe and tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, aspiring national leaders, in particular, have a responsibility to engage the public on immigration reform and other issues in a thoughtful and respectful way without disparaging or negatively stereotyping communities or individuals; and



WHEREAS, the California Senate has passed Senate Resolution 39, that calls upon the State of California to divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated entities; and


WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 39 also condemns discrimination in any form on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; calls for an end to hate speech and racist rhetoric by all presidential candidates; condemns in the strongest terms possible the racist rhetoric against immigrant families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should also support this effort and divest from and entities which promote racist rhetoric against immigrant families;

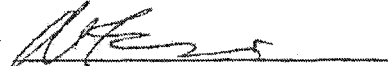
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program support for Senate Resolution 39, that calls upon the State of California to divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated entities which promote racist rhetoric against immigrant families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrative Officer is directed to report with the steps necessary for the City to divest from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and any affiliated entities which promote racist rhetoric against immigrant families.

PRESENTED BY:


GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilman, 1st District

SECONDED BY:



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