

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the National Arts and Cultural Development Act of 1964 established the National Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on the Arts advises the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts on matters such as federal grant funds, policy directions involving Congressional legislation, and other matters of importance to the arts nationally; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has nominated Center Theatre Group associate artistic director Diane Rodriguez to the National Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez, who resides in Echo Park, produced sketches for United Farm Workers in Central California and cofounded El Teatro de La Esperanza as well as the comedy troupe Latinos Anonymous; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez has also worked with smaller theatre companies throughout Los Angeles, is an award-winning stage actress, and won an Obie award in 2007 for playing multiple roles in Heather Woodbury's *Tale of Two Cities*; and

WHEREAS, Presidential appointments to the National Council on the Arts are selected for their widely recognized knowledge and accomplishment in the arts and represent all areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, this appointment will not be final until it receives approval by the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS; Ms. Rodriguez is highly qualified for this appointment due to her exceptional talents and accomplishments in the arts, and deserves swift confirmation by the United States Senate;

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 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of the confirmation by the United States Senate of Diane Rodriguez to the National Council on the Arts.

PRESENTED BY: Gilbert Cedillo
 GILBERT A. CEDILLO
 Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: BRA Blumenthal


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