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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, on Monday, the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas, in Brownsville, ruled in favor of Texas and 25 other states that had challenged the President's executive actions in support of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, this action came just one day before hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants were to begin applying for work permits and legal protection; and

WHEREAS, the federal judge's last-minute order halting the programs has forced the postponement of President Obama's sweeping executive actions on immigration indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, under the court's ruling, the expansion of an existing program that was to begin on Wednesday will be postponed and as many as 270,000 immigrants who came to the United States as children cannot apply for it; and a second program that would benefit about four million undocumented immigrants with children who are American citizens or legal residents which was scheduled to start in May, has also been delayed; and

WHEREAS, this ruling fails to consider the benefits to national security and the economy of having millions of unauthorized immigrants begin taking background checks and paying taxes; and

WHEREAS, the President's executive actions in the face of Congressional refusal to overhaul the immigration system are legal and proper and completely within the scope of the powers of his office; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Department is reviewing legal actions to be taken including ask an appeals court to block the District Court's ruling and allow the executive actions to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles region has the largest number of immigrants who would have benefitted from the implementation of the President's executive actions on immigration, and we would all benefit as a result;

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 Federal Legislative Program support for any administrative and legislative action which would contest the Texas Federal District Court ruling suspending the President's executive actions in support of immigrants and would expedite the implementation of these executive actions.

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Councilman, 1st District

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