

R E S O L U T I O N

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 current administration has placed a renewed emphasis on deportation, which could stimulate growth for illegitimate immigration consultants; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has prosecuted a multitude of individuals for crimes originating from immigration consultant fraud; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles residents seeking immigration documents essential for citizenship should be protected from illicit activity that can damage their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, immigration consultant fraud is not currently a crime, as local authorities will often prosecute "notarios" or fraudulent providers for grand theft and other similar offenses; and

WHEREAS, HR 912 (Foster) would amend the federal criminal code to make immigration consultant fraud a crime and institutes a process where immigrants can withdraw their application if it was submitted with the assistance of an illegitimate provider; and

WHEREAS, HR 912 also provides an outreach program to educate immigrant residents regarding proper legal services and representation in immigration proceedings and establishes a program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for legal services; and

WHEREAS, support of HR 912 is consistent with the City's efforts to protect immigrant communities from fraudulent activity;

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 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 912, which would amend the federal criminal code to make immigration consultant fraud a crime and provides additional services to immigrant communities.

PRESENTED BY *Nury Martinez*
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY *Gil Cedillo*

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