

MOTION

AD HOC Immigrant Affairs

On January 25, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States which states that “sanctuary jurisdictions (8 United States Code 1373) across the United States willfully violate Federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal from the United States.” The Executive Order further states that “jurisdictions that willfully refuse to comply with 8 United States Code 1373 will not be eligible to receive federal grants, except as deemed necessary for law enforcement purposes.”

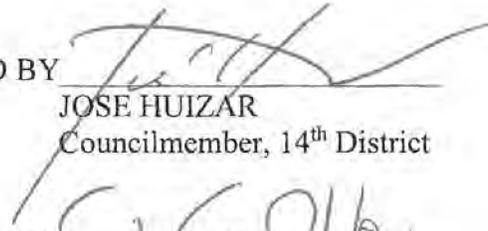
On January 25, 2017, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Major Cities Chiefs Association (Police) issued a statement in response to President Trump’s Executive Order stating that the Order “does not provide a clear definition of what constitutes a sanctuary jurisdiction. Instead, it gives undefined discretion to the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate sanctuary jurisdictions and the Attorney General to take action against them.”

According to “The Economist,” there is no specific legal definition for what constitutes a sanctuary jurisdiction but the term refers to “American cities, counties or states that protect undocumented immigrants from deportation by limiting cooperation with federal immigration authorities.” Some jurisdictions prohibit local police from asking people about immigration status. Sanctuary policies can be mandated by law or policy or practiced unofficially. Supporters of sanctuary policies believe that without such policies, undocumented immigrants may not report crime, seek healthcare or send their children to school for fear of deportation.

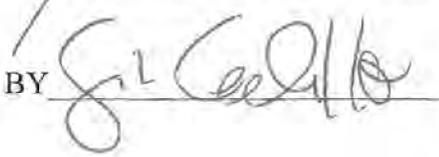
In solidarity with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Major Cities Chiefs Association, the City of Los Angeles should seek clarification from the U.S. Department of Justice with regard to the intent of the Executive Order and the legal implications of withholding federal funding for localities that are considered sanctuary cities.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, to report: 1) on the definition of sanctuary cities as expressed in the Executive Order, and 2) on the legal implications of withholding federal funding for localities that are considered sanctuary cities.

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