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IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUITY

In January 2017, the Trump Administration issued a series of executive orders that threatened and violated the constitutional, civil and human rights of individuals living in the United States. Executive Order 13768 threatened to withhold federal funds from municipalities that do not comply with 8 United States Code 1373 which prohibits the enactment of local policies that limit or restrict the exchange of information between local governments and federal immigration authorities.

On October 5, 2017, the California Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 54 (de Leon), which, among other things, will prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments, from using money or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, where not required by federal law.

According to the author of SB 54, the executive orders issued by the Trump Administration, and accompanying memorandums "outline a mass deportation strategy that will encompass broad category of immigrants." The author notes that such documents describe the federal government's plan to use local law as immigration agents to deport the greatest number of people possible. This new trend of arresting people in courthouses or outside of schools has had a chilling effect on communities that already fear reporting crimes. SB 54 will prevent state and local law enforcement agencies from acting as ICE agents and will ensure that enforcement of immigration law granted by the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Congress remain a responsibility of the federal government.

Implementation of SB 54 merits further review and analysis to determine the impact on local police agencies and our immigrant communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City's Immigrant and Civil Rights Advocate to report to Council in 45 days with: 1) the impact of the enactment of SB 54 on the City's immigrant community and, 2) a plan to raise public awareness about SB 54, including the creation of a consortium of organizations that provide information and access to resources to the City's immigrant community.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report to Council in 45 days on the impact of SB 54 on the City's policies, practices, procedures and protocols with respect to any type of contact (required or voluntary) with federal immigration authorities.

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