

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

WHEREAS, the Trump administration's Department of Health and Human Services is threatening to narrow the legal definition of gender to permanently male or female at birth, thus eliminating legal protections for the over 1 million Americans who identify as transgender or nonbinary; and

WHEREAS the proposed change would declare that federal sex discrimination bans would not protect these people from discrimination in the workplace, housing, education, and health care, with potentially life-altering consequences regarding discrimination at schools and health programs that receive federal funds or subsidies; and


WHEREAS, the proposed change comes after several federal agencies have withdrawn Obama-era policies that recognized gender identity in schools, prisons, the military and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, the administration is using a perverse interpretation of Title IX regulations – meant to prevent sex discrimination, not promote it – to justify this attack on civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the very sentiment behind the change is bigoted, scientifically dubious, and wholly unsurprising from an administration that has taken every opportunity to turn its back on its non-cisgender constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program opposition to any legislative or administrative action which would narrowly define sex as either male or female, immutable from birth.

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