

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, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) can be granted to noncitizens from designated nations who are unable to return to their home countries because of armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions; and

WHEREAS, El Salvador was designated for TPS on March 9, 2001 based on a series of earthquakes and its designation has been extended 11 times under the Bush and Obama Administrations; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that effective September 9, 2019, the TPS designation for El Salvador would be terminated "on the basis of environmental disaster due to the damage caused by the 2001 earthquakes are no longer met" possibly impacting hundreds of thousands of TPS beneficiaries, and their children and families; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2018, the U.S. District Court Northern District of California enjoined DHS from implementing and enforcing the decisions to terminate TPS for Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador pending further resolution of the case inasmuch as without a preliminary injunction, TPS beneficiaries are likely to suffer irreparable injury; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, DHS announced an automatic extension of TPS for El Salvador and other countries through January 2, 2020, including employment authorization so long as the preliminary injunction remains in effect; and

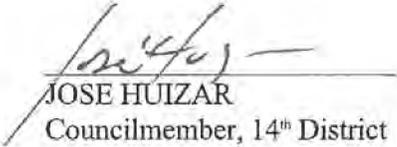
WHEREAS, the government has filed its appeal of the preliminary injunction to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit but TPS beneficiaries will maintain their status during the appeal process provided they continue to meet all the individual requirements for TPS eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously opposed the termination of TPS and supported actions to continue to extend TPS designation for El Salvador;

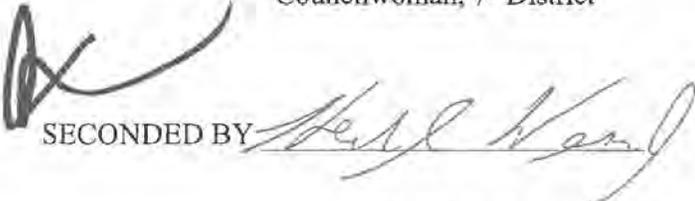
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSTION to any legislative or administrative action that threatens the termination of TPS for El Salvador.

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