

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, existing law governs the procedure by which crime victims may obtain compensation from the Restitution Fund, establishes eligibility requirements for the Victim Compensation Board to grant compensation from the Restitution Fund, and authorizes the Victim Compensation Board to provide compensation equal to the loss of income or loss of support, or both, that a victim or derivative victim incurs as a direct result of the victim's or derivative victim's injury or the victim's death; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, the existing Victim Compensation Program statute is being interpreted to only authorize income loss compensation for victims who were employed before the crime and lose income when they subsequently cannot return to work for a period, and human trafficking victims who were forced to work without pay as part of the crimes committed against them are deemed ineligible; and

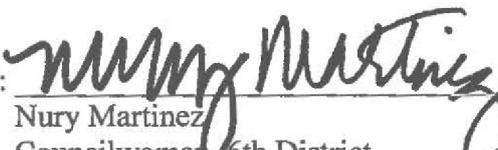
WHEREAS, currently pending before the Governor, is a bill, AB 629 (Smith – Gonzalez, et al.), which would create parity within California's Victim Compensation Program for victims of human trafficking by allowing them to receive compensation for economic losses incurred as a direct result of their being trafficked, commensurate with the benefit levels that are granted to victims of other crimes; and

WHEREAS, AB 629 (Smith – Gonzalez, et al.) would amend the law to explicitly authorize the Victim Compensation Board to provide compensation to human trafficking survivors for income or support when they were forced to labor for their traffickers, if the loss was the direct result of being trafficked; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT AB 629 (Smith – Gonzalez, et al.) because by compensating human trafficking survivors for lost income, AB 629 (Smith – Gonzalez, et al.) would help survivors rebuild their lives.

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 629 (Smith – Gonzales, et al.), which would provide compensation equal to loss of income or support to human trafficking victims.

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Nury Martinez
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