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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, yesterday, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals effectively approved the President's plan to end protected immigration status for four countries and found there was evidence lacking that the President's 'offensive and disparaging' comments about immigrants impacted decisions; and

WHEREAS, this decision has effectively greenlighted the Administration's plan to expel more than 300,000 undocumented immigrants from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Sudan from the U.S. by ending the "temporary protected status" they have enjoyed for as long as two decades; and

WHEREAS, the court ruled it was not improper for White House officials to emphatically urge officials at the Department of Homeland Security to terminate the Temporary Protected Status programs, BUT the court also specifically stated it did not "condone the offensive and disparaging nature of the President's remarks;" and

WHEREAS, the court specified that this ruling should not be viewed as an endorsement of the Administration's decisions regarding immigrants from the four countries; and that "There is no question that these individuals deserve our sympathy. And they may well warrant legislative protection;" and

WHEREAS, the dissenting opinion asserted that the Homeland Security Secretary acted arbitrarily by deciding that the Department would no longer take account of intervening events since immigrants' home countries were designated for Temporary Protected Status protection; and

WHEREAS, this ruling fails the 250,000 U.S. citizen children of Temporary Protected Status holders, and **if this decision stands and litigation appeals fail, the Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, Sudan, Nicaragua, Nepal, and Honduras could end as early as March 5, 2021, and for El Salvador as early as November 5, 2021;**

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 SUPPORT for any legislation and administrative action which would overturn or otherwise nullify the decision of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which approved the President's plan to end protected immigration status for four countries and has effectively greenlighted the Administration's plan to expel more **than 400,000 TPS holders** from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Sudan, **Haiti, Nepal, and Honduras** from the U.S. by ending the "temporary protected status" which they have enjoyed for as long as two decades; SUPPORT the Dream & Promise Act to grant Temporary Protected Status holders a permanent residency before another wave of family separations occurs; and **SUPPORT administrative relief to ensure Temporary Protected Status holders maintain lawful status with employment authorization until such legislation is enacted.**

PRESENTED BY:

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