

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed 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, House Resolution (HR) 4928 would establish a National Office of New Americans in the Executive Office of the White House to promote and support immigrant and refugee integration and inclusion and coordinate efforts of federal, state, and local governments to support social, economic, and civic integration of immigrants and refugees; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would establish a Federal Initiative on New Americans to coordinate federal response to address issues that affect the lives of new immigrants, refugees, and communities with growing immigrant and refugee populations; and

WHEREAS, HR 4928 would create a Legal Services and Immigration Assistance Grant Program to support organizations that provide direct immigration assistance to those in need of immigration screening, know-your-rights education, assistance in applying for citizenship, lawful permanent resident status or other legal status (DACA, TPS, asylum, etc.), or those seeking relief from a removal order; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would create an English as a Gateway to Integration Program for organizations that teach English or help individuals prepare for naturalization or earn a GED; and

WHEREAS, HR 4928 would create a Workforce Development Grant Program to ensure that immigrant and refugee adults have equitable access to education and workforce programs that help equip them with occupational skills needed to secure or advance in employment; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council is dedicated to making the City a welcome and inclusive place for all Angelenos regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

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 House Resolution 4928 to establish the National Office of New Americans, to reduce obstacles to United States citizenship, and to support the integration of immigrants and refugees into the social, cultural, economic and civic life of our shared Nation.

PRESENTED BY

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