

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, since the beginning of the current Administration tension has escalated between immigrant communities and federal immigration enforcement agencies, such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), due to a policy emphasis of detaining and deporting undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, there is media evidence of immigration enforcement officers identifying themselves as "police" while they conduct raids or question individuals as part of their enforcement duties; and

WHEREAS, the anxiety of immigrants of being detained and deported is deterring their ability to engage any law enforcement officer for fear they may be an agent of ICE or CBP; and

WHEREAS, the conspicuous identification of ICE or CBP agents as "police" can compromise the public's ability to distinguish between local and federal officers; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is a bill, H.R. 2073, to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to prohibit immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security from wearing clothing or other items bearing the word "police"; and

WHEREAS, the ability of ICE or CBP agents to pose as local police officers is a flaw in our system, and instead of keeping our communities safe, this practice fuels fear, undermines trust and ultimately further marginalizes our immigrant neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support H.R. 2073 because law enforcement practices that are more transparent to everyone can encourage more interaction with local police and increase safety for all.

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 Legislation Program SUPPORT for H.R. 2073 to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security from wearing clothing or other items bearing the word "police."

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