SUBSTITUTE ITEM NO. 8

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; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a government protection granted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to nationals of countries facing armed conflict, natural disasters, or other extraordinary conditions, and allows them to temporarily live and work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, TPS has been a vital protection for hundreds of thousands of migrants to the United States from across the world, including individuals from four Central American countries with TPS designations; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to the largest Central American community in the country, and in recent years, the City has taken a leading role in advocating for humane immigration policies; and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, the Biden Administration extended TPS protections for various countries, including El Salvador and Venezuela, but some of the extensions will expire in 2025 and will leave those TPS holders vulnerable to deportation, as TPS does not provide pathways to U.S. citizenship; and

WHEREAS, in February 2025, the Secretary of Homeland Security terminated the TPS redesignation for Venezuela and partially vacated the TPS redesignation for Haiti; and

WHEREAS, TPS and related benefits, such as employment authorization, will end on April 7, 2025 for Venezuelan nationals; July 5, 2025 for Honduran and Nicaraguan nationals; and August 3, 2025 for Haitian nationals; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2020 report from the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative, TPS holders have the highest labor force participation rate and a higher rate of entrepreneurial activities than other immigrant groups, and are active members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City must advocate for the redesignation of TPS and support the thousands of Angelenos who may lose their legal status and right to work in the U.S.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program, sponsorship and support of any legislative and/or administrative action to redesignate Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Honduras.

PRESENTED BY:

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March 28, 2025

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