

## 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to hundreds of thousands of children, youth, and families who rely on accessible, timely, and evidence-based healthcare services to support their physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, gender-affirming healthcare is recognized as essential, evidence-based medical care by leading medical and public health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and healthcare providers within the City of Los Angeles currently provide gender-affirming healthcare services to transgender, gender diverse, and intersex patients, including minors, consistent with established medical standards of care; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, under Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced proposed federal rules and guidance that would eliminate or restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare for patients under the age of 18 by prohibiting Medicaid reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, these proposed federal actions would coerce hospitals and healthcare providers to discontinue gender-affirming care for youth, regardless of medical necessity, parental consent, or clinical judgment, thereby placing vulnerable young people at risk of significant health-related harm; and

WHEREAS, in March 2026, a federal court issued a ruling blocking the attempted federal action led by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare for minors, finding that such action exceeded legal authority and failed to comply with required rulemaking procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a longstanding commitment to protecting LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors through policies, programs, and City-sponsored initiatives that affirm dignity, safety, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to use all lawful means available to protect public health, prevent discrimination, and ensure that residents are not denied medical care due to ideological or politically motivated federal actions.

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 OPPOSITION of Secretary Robert F Kennedy, Jr.'s declaration and proposed federal rules impacting access to gender-affirming care for young people.



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