

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, U.S. immigration policy is largely governed by the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which facilitates the migration flows of foreign nationals to the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the last time that Congress passed comprehensive immigration reform was almost four decades ago, through the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act granted amnesty to nearly three million undocumented immigrants, provided legal status to agricultural workers, and imposed penalties for employers who knowingly hired undocumented individuals; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, Congress has failed to pass legislation to provide pathways to legal status and citizenship for undocumented individuals residing in the U.S., facilitate the legal employment of migrant workers, and fund the Department of Homeland Security to timely process migrant arrivals at U.S. borders; and

WHEREAS, migrant encounters at the U.S. border have surged to a record high of 2.5 million in 2023, the estimated undocumented population residing in the U.S. has exceeded 12 million, and the immigrant petition backlog consists of 3.7 million active cases; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform is the only solution to grant amnesty to undocumented individuals, provide permanent legal status to Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status holders, address the immigrant petition backlog, and create pathways to citizenship for essential workers in sectors like agriculture, healthcare, and food services; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform has the potential to stabilize the lives of millions of U.S. residents and bring millions of hardworking individuals into the formal economy;

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, SUPPORT for legislation that would advance comprehensive immigration reform in the United States.

PRESENTED BY:

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