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, in recent months, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have conducted arrests in plainclothes and masks, without identifying themselves or their agency; and

WHEREAS, these arrests have created confusion, panic, and mistrust in communities that are already fearful and vulnerable, and have given way to impersonation, abuse, and civil rights violations; and

WHEREAS, people in the U.S. have a fundamental right to know who is detaining them, the reason for their arrest, and how to hold officers accountable if their rights are violated; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the U.S. House of Representatives is H.R.4004 (Velázquez), the No Masks for ICE Act, which would require immigration enforcement agents to wear clearly marked clothing displaying their name and affiliation with ICE, and prohibit them from wearing facial coverings during enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, H.R.4004 would also require written justification for any use of a mask by an agent, to be submitted by a supervisor no later than 48 hours after the immigration enforcement action; and

WHEREAS, H.R.4004 would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to establish disciplinary actions for any violations and submit annual reports to Congress on complaints and violations by immigration enforcement agents; and

WHEREAS, H.R.4004 would restore basic standards, transparency, and accountability to immigration enforcement 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, SUPPORT for H.R.4004 (Velázquez) to require federal agents enforcing immigration laws to wear clothing that clearly displays their name and agency, and ban them from wearing face coverings during enforcement actions.

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