

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, in recent months, federal immigration enforcement officers have carried out targeted enforcement operations in plainclothes, wearing face coverings, and without visible identification; and

WHEREAS, according to the Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are not required to wear body cameras, are not always obligated to provide their identification at the time of an arrest, and are authorized to conceal their faces and use unmarked vehicles; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, ICE agents have utilized strategic deception, or “ruses” to facilitate enforcement operations and gain access to individuals and information without judicial warrants; and

WHEREAS, these tactics have endangered public safety by creating confusion, fear, and mistrust in communities across the City, and have shielded federal agents from basic accountability; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the U.S. Senate is S.2212 (Padilla), the Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act of 2025, which would require immigration enforcement officers to display clearly visible identification and prohibit them from wearing non-medical face coverings during public-facing immigration enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, S. 2212 would also apply to deputized state and local officers assisting in federal immigration enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, S.2212 would direct the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to create disciplinary procedures for violations, submit annual compliance reports to Congress, and investigate complaints through its Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and

WHEREAS, S.2212 would strengthen oversight, transparency, and accountability for immigration enforcement tactics; reduce miscommunication during immigration enforcement encounters; and prevent officer impersonations;

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 S.2212 (Padilla) to require federal agents to display clearly visible identification and prohibit them from wearing most face coverings during public-facing immigration enforcement actions.

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