


# REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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SUBJECT: Assembly Bill (AB) 1896 (González)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt revised Resolution to include in the City's 2025-2026 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for AB 1896 (González) to disqualify anyone who engaged in immigration enforcement from January 20, 2025 to January 2029 from employment by State, county, or local public agencies in California, AND SEEK AMENDMENTS to clarify that this legislation only applies to individuals who directly engaged in immigration enforcement actions on behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## SUMMARY

On February 25, 2026, a Resolution (Jurado – Hernandez, et al.) was introduced to support AB 1896, which would disqualify anyone who engaged in federal immigration enforcement actions from January 20, 2025 to January 20, 2029 from employment as a State, county, or local government employee in California, including as a peace officer. The Resolution states that recent immigration enforcement actions by federal agencies have resulted in the deaths of multiple people, including at least two American citizens who were murdered by federal agents while exercising their constitutional right to protest.

The Resolution further states that individuals who willingly engaged in reckless immigration enforcement actions on behalf of the federal government have shown that they are irresponsible and possess values that do not align with those of the State of California and its law enforcement agencies, and should not be placed in positions of authority or public trust. The Resolution, therefore, seeks an official position of the City of Los Angeles to support AB 1896.

## BACKGROUND

Current law disqualifies certain individuals, including convicted felons and sex offenders with mental disorders, from holding office or employment by the State, or any county, city, district, or other political subdivision in California, whether paid or unpaid. Existing law also contains numerous provisions governing the qualifications, standards, and training of peace officers. AB 1896 seeks to increase protections for California residents by expanding the current criteria for disqualification to prevent “immoral individuals from being stewards of public trust.”

AB 1896 would disqualify individuals who were employed by an entity that engaged in immigration enforcement from January 20, 2025 to January 20, 2029, with certain exceptions for allowed activities under Senate Bill (SB) 54, the California Values Act (2017, De León), which governs the cooperation of local law enforcement with federal immigration enforcement. As

authorized under SB 54, local law enforcement agencies in California, including the Los Angeles Police Department, work closely with DHS and other federal entities on a number of task forces. LAPD currently serves on the Operations South Bureau and Homeland Security Investigations Human Trafficking Task Force, Homeland Security Task Force, Cyber Fraud Task Force, Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, among others.

While the intent of the legislation is clear, amendments should be made to ensure that the bill applies explicitly to individuals who directly engaged in immigration enforcement actions. AB 1896 defines immigration enforcement to include “any efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law, including investigating, enforcing, or assisting in the investigation or enforcement of any federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person’s presence in, entry, or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.”

Recent efforts by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase immigration enforcement have included an unprecedented recruitment campaign and expanded authority, as well as the use of new approaches and tactics. To ramp up enforcement, DHS deputized various federal entities, including the U.S. National Guard; Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. State Department’s Diplomatic Security Service; Internal Revenue Service; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Marshals Service; and Drug Enforcement Administration; in addition to DHS agencies, such as the Coast Guard and Transportation Security Administration. DHS has also collaborated with local law enforcement agencies and hired contractors in various states.

As it is currently written, the bill could potentially disqualify a large number of individuals who provided ancillary assistance to DHS, such as aiding in logistics, confirming tax-related information, or engaging in data sharing to support the enforcement of federal civil immigration law. Clarification of what is considered an “[effort]...to assist in the...enforcement of...immigration law” should be included in future amendments to further define disqualifying activities.

The City’s support of AB 1896 would align with previous City actions to support AB 1537 (Bryan) with amendments, to prohibit California peace officers from being employed by, serving as an independent contractor for, or volunteering with the DHS (C.F. 26-0002-S1), and other efforts to prohibit City officials and employees from engaging in outside employment with federal immigration enforcement agencies (C.F. 25-1004).

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

BILL STATUS

2/12/26	Introduced
3/23/26	Referred to Committees on Public Employment and Retirement and Public Safety



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Attachment: Revised Resolution

## 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, since the beginning of Donald Trump's second term, federal immigration enforcement agencies have been ordered to carry out aggressive immigration raids across the country; and

WHEREAS, these actions have led to the deaths of multiple people, including at least two American citizens murdered by federal authorities while exercising their constitutional right to protest; and

WHEREAS, individuals engaged in this behavior on behalf of the federal government have shown that they are irresponsible and possess values that do not align with those of the State of California and its law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect residents of the State from these individuals in the future, Assembly Bill (AB) 1896 (González) was introduced, which would disqualify anyone who engaged in immigration enforcement from January 20, 2025 to January 20, 2029 from employment as a State, county, or local government employee, including as a peace officer; and

WHEREAS, individuals who willingly participate in reckless immigration enforcement actions should not be placed in a position of authority or public trust; and

WHEREAS, AB 1896 would uphold the State's values, and ensure that the public sector employees that serve the residents of the State live up to the standard expected of them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1896 (González), which would disqualify anyone who has engaged in immigration enforcement activity from January 20, 2025 to January 20, 2029 from being employed as a State, county, or local public agency employee, including as a peace officer, with exceptions for allowed activities under Senate Bill 54, the California Values Act (2017), AND SEEK AMENDMENTS to clarify that this legislation only applies to individuals who directly engaged in immigration enforcement actions on behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.