



Date: March 21st, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of the Council

From: Councilmember Jeannine Pearce *JP*
Vice Mayor Rex Richardson *RR*
Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez *LG*
Councilmember Roberto Uranga *RU*

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to request a resolution in support of Long Beach joining cities across the country in proclaiming March 21, 2017 Cities Immigration Day of Action.

DISCUSSION:

Long Beach is a city of immigrants. We have been a refuge for those escaping war and for those seeking a better life. Over a quarter of Long Beach's population is foreign-born, over 40% Latino, 12% Asian, and we are believed to have the largest Cambodian community outside of Cambodia, many of whom came here as refugees.

Many immigrants in Long Beach own their own businesses, work at our hotels or restaurants, and contribute greatly to our local economy as workers, consumers, business owners, and taxpayers. Our university and schools are home to many Dreamers and DACA recipients, working to achieve the American Dream.

The state of California has nearly 4.7 million people – including 2.4 million U.S. citizens among whom 1.7 million are children – who have at least one unauthorized family member living with them. Nationally, there are 16.7 million people, citizens or otherwise, who live in mixed status families, with least one unauthorized family member.

Deporting a family member can have devastating impacts on families and communities, leading to economic instability, housing insecurity, and children cycling through our foster care system. Even the threat of deportation puts enormous stress on communities and strains valuable ties of trust between immigrant communities and government institutions.

We know from police chiefs that a relationship of trust between law enforcement and the community is critical to crimes being reported and to the function of many of our basic institutions such as hospitals and schools. As city leaders, we have a moral obligation to stand up for our diverse communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, America is a nation of immigrants, and wave after wave of immigrants seeking a better life has built our nation and brought significant social, economic, and cultural benefits to communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, _____ is such a community, as immigrants have enriched our city's culture, increased our productivity and innovation, and bolstered our economy; and

WHEREAS, Mayors in cities big and small, including _____, foster welcoming and secure cities for all their residents, regardless of who they are or where they come from; and

WHEREAS, Mayors across America have called on the federal government to enact comprehensive immigration reform and enforce the nation's immigration laws in a humane manner that does not disrupt the lives of city residents, and, in the absence of federal immigration reform, mayors and their cities seek strategies to protect and secure all their residents while ensuring that local law enforcement is focused on community policing; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Conference of Mayors is organizing a National Immigration Day of Action on Tuesday, March 21, led by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Chair of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Latino Alliance, Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, Co-chairs of the USCM Immigration Reform Task Force and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Chair of the USCM Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of _____ joins cities across the country in proclaiming March 21, 2017 Cities' Immigration Day of Action, declaring its solidarity with the immigrant community, and asserting its commitment to the values of diversity, inclusiveness, and equality.



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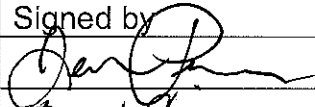
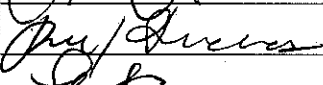
REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 17, 2017
To: Poonam Davis, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Jeannine Pearce, District 2
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of March 21, 2017

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
2	Jeannine Pearce	
9	Rex Richardson	
1	Lena Gonzalez	