

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, there have been multiple reports of masked individuals in plainclothes and unmarked cars alleging to be law enforcement officers while carrying out aggressive immigration enforcement actions and refusing to provide identification or warrants; and

WHEREAS, these incidents include a South Carolina man who was charged with kidnapping and impersonating an immigration agent after allegedly detaining a group of men; a university student charged with impersonating an immigration officer on campus; and a North Carolina man charged with sexual assault for posing as an immigration agent and threatening to deport a woman if she did not comply with his demands; and

WHEREAS, these cases undermine public trust in law enforcement, especially among vulnerable individuals, and pose a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, while Immigration and Customs Enforcement has publicly condemned impersonations, the agency's use of face coverings and lack of consistent, visible identification creates public confusion and makes it difficult for the public to distinguish between authorized law enforcement personnel and criminals; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate is Senate Bill (SB) 805 (Pérez), the No Vigilantes Act, which would require law enforcement personnel to clearly display their name or badge number to the public while operating in California; and

WHEREAS, SB 805 would also authorize law enforcement to request identification from someone claiming to be a government employee if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or a valid safety concern, and prohibit bounty hunters from engaging in any form of immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, SB 805 would also expand current law to criminalize the impersonation of law enforcement or other government personnel through any means to defraud another person; and

WHEREAS, SB 805 would increase transparency and accountability for law enforcement and federal agents operating in California;

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 Senate Bill 805 (Perez), the No Vigilantes Act, which would require law enforcement officers to clearly display their name or badge number to the public, increase authority for law enforcement to investigate impersonations, and prohibit bounty hunters from engaging in immigration enforcement in California.

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