

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a longstanding history of embracing asylum seekers who flee their countries of origin due to persecution and arrive at our borders seeking safety and security; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the number of individuals granted asylum from 2017 to 2020 increased from 26,199 to 46,508; and

WHEREAS, California hosts 34% of all those granted asylum in the U.S. each year, with the number growing by 9,000 per year on average; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2021, the Biden administration began the process of welcoming 95,000 Afghan refugees—the largest resettlement to the U.S. in 40 years—as well as 100,000 Ukrainians; and

WHEREAS, many refugees and asylees face unique challenges such as PTSD from living in a conflict zone and without culturally competent assistance, they are often unable to access the care they need to heal and begin a new life; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, refugees and asylees are entitled to 90 days of case management, which is an intervention proven to improve outcomes for asylees and refugees by helping them access public and private services like Medi-Cal, CalFresh and Covered California; and


WHEREAS, refugees and asylees enrolled in extended case management felt their employment matched their qualifications versus those without extension; and

WHEREAS, household income was also higher for refugees and asylees who received extended case management than those who did not; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 85 (Wiener) would support refugees and those granted asylum by extending the base number of days they are entitled to case management from 90 to 180, and in extreme circumstances, it would allow for the provision of a second extension of another 180 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 85 (Wiener), the California Extended Case Management Act.

PRESENTED BY:


KATY YAROSLAVSKY
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SECONDED BY:



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