

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 1988, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established federal grant rules, now known as the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200), which have severely limited state and local governments from implementing substantive procurement standards that promote good jobs and equity; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are prohibited from using local hire (hiring people from a specific geographic region) in most federally funded procurements; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act allows for local hire to be used only in transportation construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Guidance has impeded the implementation of policies including targeted hire provisions and project labor agreements and this language has hindered state and local governments from putting local or disadvantaged residents to work rebuilding infrastructure in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, no empirical evidence has been cited that shows local hire has an adverse impact on bid competition or cost; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress itself has never prohibited local hire or targeted hire; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Obama-Biden Administration's Local Labor Hiring Pilot Program, introduced by Mayor Bass when she was a Member of the House of Representatives, allowed federal grant recipients to use local hire programs to successfully increase social, economic, and racial equity in their communities; and

WHEREAS, local hire programs address the fundamental goal of having residents participate in infrastructure investments in their own towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, targeted hire programs can also increase opportunities for workers of color, women, veterans, returning community members, and others historically excluded from


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meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has used non-federal funding for local and targeted hire programs that have successfully connected city residents and those facing barriers to employment with quality career paths; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature is considering a similar Resolution (SJR5) that supports updating the Uniform Guidance to explicitly allow local and targeted hire on federally-funded projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby stands in support of updating the Uniform Guidance to explicitly allow states and localities to implement substantive procurement standards that advance high-quality jobs and equitable hiring, including lifting the local hire prohibition on all federally funded projects, and to empower state and local officials to create equitable infrastructure jobs that can strengthen our cities, counties, and state.

PRESENTED BY: _____

Paul Kerkorian
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Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____

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