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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

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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 concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recently approved legislation that would tighten border security and increase enforcement of immigration laws known as H.R.4437 (Sensenbrenner), the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. The bill now goes to the Senate for action; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 could have a potential discriminatory impact because it would establish a mandatory eligibility verification system, expanding the voluntary "Basic Pilot" program that is currently available nationwide which would require a mandatory verification system to check a job applicants' immigration status. This will dramatically impact documented and undocumented workers and U.S. citizens alike, which could consequently disrupt the economy; and

WHEREAS, the bill also increases civil and criminal penalties for employers who knowingly hire or employ an illegal/undocumented worker; and


WHEREAS, it would also increase the mandatory minimum and maximum sentences for individuals reentering the United States illegally, and increasing the severity of punishment from a civil offense to a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 denies due process by giving the Department of Homeland Security increased authority for the long term detention of undocumented immigrants by superseding U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have impeded long-term detention; and

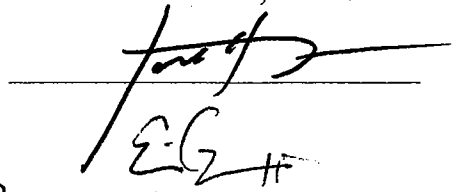
WHEREAS, this measure could separate more families living in the United States with its excessive deportation authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2005-2006 Federal Legislative Program **opposition** to H.R. 4437 (Sensenbrenner), the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, which would give the Secretary of Homeland Security authorities to tighten border security and enforce immigration laws.

PRESENTED BY:


Ed P. Reyes
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SECONDED BY:


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