RESOLUTION

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, in January 2025, the Department of Homeland Security issued new directives to supersede and rescind sensitive location policies, such as churches and schools, removing rules regarding where immigration laws could be enforced, and authorizing immigration agents to make their own determinations on where immigration enforcement actions could occur; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 2025, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement began conducting widespread and publicized raids searching for individuals who they thought may be undocumented immigrants in local communities; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the new directives, immigration agents have conducted multiple enforcement actions in and around schools and universities, outside immigration court, and at local bus stops, grabbing individuals off the street and transporting them to unknown locations; and

WHEREAS, immigration agents are commonly seen covering their faces with masks and wearing plainclothes while undertaking these raids, avoiding accountability and making it difficult to determine precisely who had conducted the immigration operation; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are conducting raids and covering their faces may be impersonating police officers and immigration agents, which erodes trust in law enforcement and undermines community safety; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate is Senate Bill (SB) 627 (Wiener), which would prohibit law enforcement from covering their faces while conducting operations in the state of California, and require officers to be identifiable by their uniform, whether with name or other identifier; and

WHEREAS, SB 627 would apply to a local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, but also ensure that Special Weapons and Tactics team officers (SWAT) can continue to utilize gear necessary to protect their faces from physical harm as they perform their duties;

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 Bill 627 (Wiener), the No Secret Police Act, which would prohibit law enforcement from covering their faces while conducting operations in the state of California, and require officers to be identifiable by their uniform, whether with name or other identifier.

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