

Motion to Amend Proposed Motions Regarding Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61

I move to amend the proposed motions in support of Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, to motions that the Executive Committee recommend an “Against unless Amended” position on Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, unless the resolutions and motions are amended to remedy the problems noted below:

1. Violation of Federal Law and City Impact

These resolutions and motions effectively continue efforts to designate Los Angeles as a blanket “sanctuary city,” which conflicts with federal law. Such policies contribute to the deterioration of public order, governance, and the economy of the city.

2. Encouragement of Unlawful Conduct

These measures encourage the so-called “resistance,” which crosses into lawlessness and endangers public safety, including the safety of federal law enforcement officers tasked with enforcing federal immigration laws.

3. Lack of Legal Impact and Misguided Focus

Aspects of these resolutions and motions are symbolic and have no binding legal authority. Immigration law is federal and there is preemption. These resolutions and motions risk undermining productive cooperation with federal authorities and are counterproductive to any legitimate goals of immigration reform. Rather than aiding law-abiding, long-term residents who are employed or otherwise contribute to the community and who embrace American values, the measures appear to support even those with serious criminal backgrounds, gang members, terrorists, and others who should not be considered for discretionary relief. City Officials should be working with federal agencies to identify and detain individuals who pose public safety threats, rather than adopting broad, ideologically driven stances.

4. Potential Loss of Federal Funding

These measures risk triggering a loss of critical federal funding. At a time when the City’s finances are already in shambles, such a reduction would be catastrophic to the budget and economy of the City.

5. Demonization of Federal Authorities

Certain City Officials, including the Mayor, have made inflammatory statements targeting federal law enforcement officers and White House Officials, such as Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller. Equating ICE to the Gestapo is not only inappropriate but also dangerous, as it could incite violence. Such rhetoric damages the City's credibility and fuels division, rather than fostering constructive dialogue.

6. Endangering Federal Agents

Proposals that would force federal agents to reveal their identities, including names and faces, ignore the security risks to these individuals and their families. A more balanced and reasonable approach should be taken—one that addresses concerns about identification while protecting the safety of federal personnel.

In light of the above, I reiterate my motion that the Executive Committee adopt an **“Against Unless Amended”** position on Council Files 25-0694, 25-0002-S60, 25-0695, 25-0002-S62, and 25-0002-S61, unless substantive amendments are made to address these issues responsibly and constructively.