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Immigration as a County Priority

For many years, the Board of Supervisors perceived immigration as a federal issue. However, in our current political climate, local governments are stepping up to protect the community in new and innovative ways. The County is no exception.

Since last November, Supervisor Solis and other members of the Board of Supervisors have authored 15 motions to protect immigrants and those who have been affected by the rise in hate crimes. For example, in February 2015, Supervisors Solis and Kuehl co-authored a motion to establish a County Deferred Action Task Force to develop a plan for optimal implementation of DACA. To date, the County of Los Angeles has remained steadfast in its commitment to standing with and advocating for immigrants, a highly marginalized yet vital component of our community.

As the rhetoric and negative action directed toward immigrants increases at the federal level, the County must become increasingly attentive to the crisis impacting more than one-million of our residents. In 2015, the Board established four Board Priorities. They are: Sheriff's Department/Justice Reform, Child Protection, Health Integration, and the Homeless Initiative. In 2016, the Board added a fifth priority, Environmental Oversight and Monitoring.

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Board Priorities are large initiatives identified by the Board requiring multi-departmental and public-private collaboration. The issues pertaining to immigration and impacting our residents require such collaboration, and can no longer wait for attention from all departments. Indeed, identifying immigration as a priority for LA County will ensure our focus on legislation, litigation, resources and services remains concentrated and consistent.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer recognize Immigration as the sixth priority, along with Sheriff's Department reform, Child Welfare System, Health Services Integration, Homelessness, and Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring, in the County governance.