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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### **JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA** **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM**

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Government Relations Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from October2020.
3. Comments from the Co-Chairs
4. Public Comment

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0002-S137, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 8015 (Maloney), Delivering for America Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office's functions.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-002-S138, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 7015 which would appropriate \$40 billion to the United States Postal Service (USPS) and prioritize the purchase of personal protective equipment; and HR 2382 which would repeal the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-0002-S145, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for any administrative or legislative action which would prohibit forced hysterectomies at United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. In conjunction with the Public health Committee.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-002-S154, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the *Flores Agreement* which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.

9. Adjournment

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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 first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to establish the Post Office is described and detailed under Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, with Benjamin Franklin serving as the first Postmaster General, appointed in 1775 ; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the daily life of all Americans, including their ability to vote safely and without interruption in all 50 states; and,

WHEREAS, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy was appointed in June of 2020, and immediately began obstructive changes at the United States Post Office, including the firing of most senior staff, removing post office boxes and mail sorting machines, eliminating overtime and other measures intended to keep mail service delivery on-time; and,

WHEREAS, in early August the U.S. Post Office gave notice to 46 states that it could **not ensure that all ballots cast in the November election will be delivered on time and be counted**; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump has stated his desire to privatize the functions of the U.S. Post Office, and on August 13th, 2020 was quoted by the Los Angeles Times stating that he would veto any funding effort aimed at ensuring timely and uninterrupted delivery, citing the upcoming Presidential Election; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee introduced H.R. 8015 "Delivering for America" Act, declaring that there will be no changes to the operation, functions, postal standards, and purpose of the U.S. Post Office that would have the impact of delaying mail, or allowing for the non-delivery of mail to a route, while under the COVID-19 Pandemic declaration; and,

WHEREAS, the Congress must act to ensure that the United States Post office succeeds in its mission to provide services throughout the Country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its <sup>2019-2020</sup>~~2020-2021~~ Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 8015 "Delivering for America" Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office's functions, while ensuring the timely delivery of mail and parcel delivery for all Americans across the country.

PRESENTED BY: 

Mitch O'Farrell

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Committee Meeting

Date: 11/16/2020

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File # :	20-0002-S137
Title :	Delivery for America Act -HR 8015
Type :	
City/State :	

	Establement of the City's position regarding the City's 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program for HR 8015 Delivering for America Act which prevents arbitrary changes to the United Postal Service.
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Type :	

GR Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the Legislative process of the House of Representatives
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support the Delivering for America Act.
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“NO” Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of the Delivering for Amerca Act.
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RULES, ELECTIONS, AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is the nation's oldest government service, dating back to 1775, providing crucial delivery services for correspondence, parcels, government, commercial and numerous other kinds of mailings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to handling and delivering tens of millions of pieces of mail on a daily basis, the USPS is a lifeline to the people residing in rural areas of the country, out of the reach of commercial parcel services and readily accessible internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS, even though various online communications media and telephones have contributed to a reduction in the volume of first class mail in recent years, polling has shown that the USPS has consistently enjoyed the support of more than 90% of the public; and

WHEREAS, over the past couple of decades various special interests and philosophically conservative policymakers have promoted the idea of privatizing the postal service, partly stemming from an underlying anti-government sentiment, and partially due to a belief that the USPS, which provides its very affordable service at a budgetary loss, should be run more like a commercial, for-profit business; and

WHEREAS, these sentiments ignore the fundamental reality that, over the course of nearly 250 years, the United States has long since determined which services can be conducted profitably by the private sector and which ones cannot, despite how vital they remain to the general public, with the USPS being a prime example of an unprofitable, but absolutely necessary service that would be severely disrupted by privatization; and

WHEREAS, in recent months the administration of President Trump has taken steps to make changes to the USPS that appear to do several undesirable things, appointing a new Postmaster General with no USPS experience but alleged financial interests in competing private shipping firms to undertake a series of program "reforms" which are demonstrably slowing down postal deliveries on a nationwide basis, inconveniencing millions of people, disrupting business and, relevant to the upcoming General Election, threatening to render vote-by-mail operations unreliable; and

WHEREAS, these changes include a hiring freeze, cancellation of overtime for employees, the attempted removal of hundreds of postal sorting machines and mail deposit boxes, an arbitrary downgrading of the handling service for election mail, and so on, with the USPS administration

notifying 46 states that it can't guarantee the timely handling of mail-in ballots unless they change their deadlines for postmarks and reception; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the USPS has been hobbled since 2006 by the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act (PAEA), which has required the agency to establish and fund a \$72 million trust fund to cover pensions for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that, if this requirement did not exist, the USPS would have operated at a profit since 2013, motivating members of Congress to propose H.R. 7015 to provide USPS with an infusion of up to \$25 billion to allow it to operate properly, and H.R. 2382 to repeal PAEA; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has been stalled by political disagreements, but the House of Representatives soon is expected to revisit these pieces of legislation and look at additional proposals to address both the funding and operational issues facing the USPS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 7015 and other actions which may be proposed to properly fund the United States Postal Service and halt and/or reverse all managerial and operational changes until Congress, the USPS Board of Governors and the Postal Regulatory Commission have been able to fully review and take action on such proposals; and

I FURTHER MOVE, that the City also hereby include support for H.R. 2382 in its 2019-2020 federal Legislative Program to relieve the USPS of the onerous obligation to be the only federal agency to be required to pre-fund a pension fund for 75 years.

PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL KORETZ (verbal)  
Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)  
Councilmember, 7th District

Committee Meeting

Date: 11/16/2020

Board Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

File # :	20-0002-S138
Title :	Appropriat \$40 billion for the USPS
Type :	
City/State :	

	Establement of the City's position regarding the City's 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program for HR 7015 which will appropriate \$40 billion for the USPS and prioritize the purchase PPE and and HR 2382 which would repeal the Postal Accountatibility and Efficiency Act.
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Type :	

GR Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the Legislative process of the House of Representatives
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support the amount \$40 billion to purchase PPE and repeal the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act.
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“NO” Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of the \$40 billion purchase of PPE and the repealing of the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act.
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**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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has repeatedly targeted communities of color with immoral tactics; and

**WHEREAS**, detainees at ICE detention facilities face physical and psychological trauma as a result of deplorable conditions at these facilities, conditions that have been further exacerbated by an inadequate response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Dawn Wooten, a former nurse at Georgia's Irwin ICE Detention Center filed a whistleblower complaint alleging mistreatment and poor conditions, notably a large number of female detainees who were forced to undergo hysterectomies without their knowledge or consent; and

**WHEREAS**, the report details the excruciating pain that these women faced after being robbed of their reproductive rights without medical basis or justification; and

**WHEREAS**, subjecting these women to such an inexcusable ordeal is a violation of human rights, all parties responsible should be identified immediately and held accountable; and

**WHEREAS**, a report in 2017 regarding the same Irwin ICE detention facility found unsanitary conditions, inedible food, and insufficient medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, these reports demonstrate that these conditions and sterilizations are neither new nor isolated cases, but are symptomatic of a larger system that denies basic rights to individuals based on their immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, these violations are further compounded by all women's difficulty in accessing, or complete lack of access to adequate feminine hygiene products or contraceptive services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any administrative or legislative action which would prohibit forced hysterectomies at ICE detention facilities.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GILBERT A. CEDILLO (verbal)  
Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District



Committee Meeting

Date: 11/16/2020

Board Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

File # :	20-0002-S145
Title :	Support the Reproduction Rights of Immigrants
Type :	
City/State :	City support of Federal Law

	Estabment of the City's position regarding the City's 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program for protecting the Reproductive Rights of Immigrant women by ICE
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Type :	

GR Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the federal program supporting the rights of Immigrant Women to protect their Reproduction Rights.
Vote :	

<b>“YES”</b> Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support the Reproductive Rights of Immigrant Women by ICE and forced hysterectomies of these women.
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<b>“NO”</b> Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of the rights of Immigrant Women to protect their Reproductive Rights.
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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, a Joint Status Report filed with the United States District Court of the Southern District of California, revealed that 545 children who were separated from their families under the Trump Administration “Zero Tolerance Policy,” have not been reunited with their families; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), over 5,400 children, including those under five, toddlers, and babies, were separated from their parents pursuant to the Zero Tolerance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the decision to separate children from their families is cruel, traumatic, inhumane and disgraceful but consistent with the actions of the Trump Administration, which seem fixated on maximizing harm to immigrants in any way possible; and

WHEREAS, the ACLU reports that the sole purpose of the child separation policy was to discourage immigration to the U.S. and no tracking or monitoring mechanisms were established for the eventual reunification of these children with their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Trump Administration went to court to argue that migrant children detained at the U.S.-Mexico border do not require basic hygiene products like soap and toothbrushes in order to be held in “safe and sanitary” conditions, and that requiring minors to sleep on cold concrete floors in crowded cells with low temperatures was also considered “safe and sanitary;” and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration’s action are in direct violation of the Flores Agreement and other federal immigration laws that specifically provide guidelines with respect to the arrest, detention, treatment, and transfer of children detained by federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, most separated children did not receive due process and, many as young as three years old, were ordered into court for their own deportation proceedings without counsel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles strongly denounces the actions by the Trump Administration, including the child separation practice, the Zero Tolerance Policy, and other actions that have inhumanely targeted undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City calls upon every member of the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and the Office of the President to enact legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the Flores Agreement which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.

PRESENTED BY

MITCH O’FARRELL (verbal)  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

GIL CEDILLO (verbal)  
Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

NURY MARTINEZ (verbal)  
Councilwoman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

KEVIN DE LEÓN (verbal)  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

HERB J. WESSON, JR. (verbal)  
Councilmember, 10<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY

CURREN D. PRICE (verbal)  
Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

Committee Meeting

Date: 11/16/2020

Board Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

File # :	20-0002-S154
Title :	Support the Rights of Immigrant families to keep ICE from removing their children.
Type :	
City/State :	City support of Federal Law

	Establement of the City's position regarding the City's 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program for repealing the immigration policy that separates children from their families.
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Type :	

GR Position :	Motion to support the City's position through the federal program supporting the rights of Immigrant Families to protext their rights to keep their children and to not separate them from their parents.
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means supporting the City's position to support the rights of immigrating families to not separate their children when they are trying to immigrate.
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“NO” Vote:	Means that we do not support the City's support of the rights of Immigrant Families to not separate the children from their families.
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