



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



November 13, 2018

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA OPPOSING DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES THAT LIMIT IMMIGRATION ACCESS FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Human Relations Commission recommends that City Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Human Relations Commission has developed a resolution for City Council consideration opposing federal discriminatory policies that limit immigration access from specified countries.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the state CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to the CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Relations Commission on September 27, 2018 a unanimous vote of members attending moved to present the attached resolution to City Council for its consideration and approval.

DISCUSSION

The Human Relations Commission is charged with promoting ways in which the community welcomes and embraces its diversity and safeguards equal opportunity for everyone. A specific duty of the commission is to study, review, analyze, and report to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager the studies of state and federal agencies, and legislative enactments of state and federal governments, including but not limited to the several civil rights acts of the United States government and the state.

The Commission is presenting this resolution in response to current federal policy that limits immigration access from specified countries. The main federal policy at issue is Executive Order No. 13780, as amended. Although blocked by lower courts, the constitutionality of this Order was recently upheld by the Supreme Court. Among other things, this Executive Order limits in some cases and bans in others, different types of

immigration access to the United States from specified countries. The specified countries are Libya, Yemen, Iran, Somalia, North Korea, Syria and Venezuela. Because a number of these countries have majority Muslim populations, many critics believe that the intended and real effect of the Order is to deny visas based on national origin and/or religion, and that one of the results of this policy has been that families in the United States have been unable to unite with their spouses and other family members from those countries.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has determined that the action contemplated by this item is ministerial, secretarial, manual, or clerical in nature and, as such, does not require the City Council members to make or participate in making a governmental decision, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18704(d)(1). Consequently, this item does not present a conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. Adoption of this item supports the City's goal of Connected Community by engaging the community in Human Relations Commission activities.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with this item.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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