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MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY DEFERRED ACTION TASK FORCE

On November 20, 2014, the Obama Administration issued an Executive Action that will defer deportation for nearly half a million longtime residents of Los Angeles County. By implementing two programs: Expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA-LPR) these residents will more fully participate in our economy.

The expanded DACA builds on a 2012 program for those under 31 years of age who arrived in the country before the age of 16 – and before January 2010 – and eliminates the age limit. DAPA allows undocumented immigrants who have US citizen or legal resident children to apply for work permits and temporary protection from deportation.

National and local studies show the DACA program – for which more than 600,000 young people nationwide qualified since 2012 – had a significant effect on that population’s ability to increase their earnings and expenditures, resulting in greater contribution to the tax base.

The effect of these expanded programs is potentially larger. An analysis of the

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Executive Action by the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) found that the actions would raise the U.S. GDP by \$90 billion to \$210 billion over the next ten years. Based on the CEA's assumptions, the Executive Action could increase California's GDP by \$27.5 billion over the next ten years.

L.A. County is home to an estimated 500,000 residents eligible for the Executive Action programs – the largest population of eligible residents in any of the nation's counties. Estimates by UCLA's North American Integration and Development Center (NAID), indicate that L.A. County will see an additional \$1.1 billion in tax revenues from these programs and the creation of an additional 38,500 jobs.

The impacts of these CEA programs are not limited to program participants. Most of the eligible are mixed status families that comprise both citizen and legal resident children whose daily lives and prospects for success drastically improve when parents or other family members can work and live legally in the country.

Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of eligible residents in any of the nation's counties. Non-profit service providers, the philanthropic community, and various jurisdictions in the County have already begun to prepare by identifying and marshaling resources, offering grants, and by providing critical outreach and education to the community and to prepare for the hundreds of thousands of persons that may come forward to benefit from the programs.

Rather than wait for the legal process to run its course, L.A. County must begin preparations due to the potentially large number of residents affected.

Each day, L.A. County's departments and agencies impact the lives of thousands of immigrants. The County, through its 37 departments and 100,000 employees, can serve as a trusted resource for accurate information, referrals to trusted providers and services, and access to government documents that help establish identity or residency.

Jurisdictions across the country and in California, including the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District, have already adopted resolutions pledging resources to help ensure the success of implementation efforts. Nationally, 27 police chiefs and sheriffs and two police chief's associations support these programs.

A February 16, 2015 injunction by a federal judge has delayed the scheduled implementation of the DACA and DAPA programs which are part of the Executive Action. The preliminary injunction was based on procedural issues and we believe preparation to implement these programs needs to continue. Successful nationwide implementation of this Executive Action will depend on Los Angeles County's effectiveness.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Establish a County Deferred Action Task Force under the leadership of the Interim Chief Executive Officer to develop a plan for optimal implementation of the Executive Action by Los Angeles County's relevant departments, including but not limited to: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Consumer Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Community and Senior Services, Health Services, Public Library, District Attorney Consumer Fraud Division, and County Assessor.
2. Report back in writing to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days on the findings of the County Deferred Action Task Force.

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