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On November 12, 2026, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a final rule prohibiting HUD from providing financial assistance to people other than U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens, requiring verification of legal status of all household members, no longer allowing for prorated assistance for mixed status families, and requiring property owners to report household members without legal status to the Department of Homeland Security. Federal housing funds have always been limited to citizens. However, the new rule ends over 30 years of policy allowing mixed-status households to receive prorated housing assistance for eligible members. Under the new rule which will go into effect on December 14, U.S. citizens living with non-citizen family members would have to separate from those family members or lose their housing.

Several lawsuits have been filed against HUD's new rules. While Los Angeles County awaits the results of this litigation, it should continue to take steps to support families that could be impacted by HUD's new rule. On March 3, 2026, the Board of

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Supervisors passed a motion directing County Departments to assess the scale and develop a plan to support families impacted by the rule. The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) and the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) under the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) have already started outreach to individuals impacted by the rule and will continue to work with other County Departments and public housing authorities to support those impacted.

Should the litigation fail, the rule would require individuals receiving federal housing assistance, including Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher programs, to secure the necessary documents to verify citizenship. This includes some residents aged 62 and older who were previously subject to an age-based exemption from verifying citizenship or eligible immigration status. For families receiving housing assistance, the cost of securing these documents could be onerous. California birth certificate fees are set by State law passed by the California Legislature and signed by the Governor and administered by the California Department of Public Health – Vital Records. Fee exemptions exist under California law for individuals, children, and youth experiencing homelessness. Los Angeles County should pursue similar exemptions for County residents impacted by the new HUD rule, while continuing to work with relevant departments to support those who may be impacted by the rule.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) branch to send a five-signature letter to Governor Newsom and the Director of the California Department of Public Health, with a copy to the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate President Pro Tempore, requesting the State offer a fee waiver for individuals requesting vital records as a result of HUD's new rule and to expedite the processing of vital records.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office in consultation with LACDA and OIA to assess the feasibility of providing financial assistance to those impacted by the HUD rule to secure copies of their vital records, immigration status documentation, and any supporting records necessary to obtain or verify such documentation including, but not limited to Naturalization Certificate; Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240); Valid unexpired U.S. passport; Certificate of Citizenship; and Original or certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate should the State decline to issue a waiver or the place of birth is outside of Los Angeles County.
3. Direct LACDA in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) and OIA to continue the work outlined

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in Directives 3 and 4 of the March 3, 2026 motion titled "*Opposing the Department of Housing and Urban Development Proposed Rule Change Impacting Mixed Status Families"* including coordinating outreach, messaging, and response with other public housing authorities across the County, including the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, and additional partners including the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency.

4. Direct LACDA, HSH, and OIA to report back in writing in 45 days with a progress update on Directive 3, as well as recommendations to support residents at risk of displacement through existing programs or through new funding sources including the possibility of philanthropic support.

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