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May 14, 2009

Chief Legislative Analyst

I HEREBY CERTIFY that City Council adopted the action(s), as attached,
under Council file No. 09-0002-S48, at its meeting held MAY 5, 2009.


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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 09-0002-S48

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MAY 5, 2009

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION ON HR 1024 (NADLER) AND S. 424 (LEAHY), THE UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

MAY 18 2009

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT _____
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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*Transmit objections in writing
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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES AND GOVERNMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

RULES AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position on HR 1024 (Nadler) and S. 424 (Leahy), the Uniting American Families Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Garcetti – Huizar), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 1024 (Nadler) and S. 424 (Leahy), the Uniting American Families Act, which would provide a mechanism under the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow United States citizens and legal permanent residents in binational same-sex relationships to sponsor their foreign born partner for immigration benefits to the United States.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At its meeting held on April 22, 2009, the Rules and Government Committee considered a Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report and Resolution (Garcetti – Huizar) relative to HR 1024 (Nadler) and S. 424 (Leahy), the Uniting American Families Act, which would provide a mechanism under the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow United States citizens and legal permanent residents in binational same-sex relationships to sponsor their foreign born partner for immigration benefits to the United States. During the discussion of this matter, a representative of the CLA provided a brief overview of this matter and responded to related questions from the Committee. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GARCETTI	YES
WEISS	ABSENT
ZINE	YES

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**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH**

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies to or pending before a local, state or federal government 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 City of Los Angeles supports any effort to improve the quality of life for communities that have been traditionally marginalized or have been discriminated on by individuals, corporations or government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically developed and implemented policies and programs to address issues of discrimination for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities, including same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, same-sex couples do not enjoy equal rights as heterosexual couples do; and

WHEREAS, United States immigration law supports the notion of family unification for heterosexual couples and does not recognize same-sex couples for immigration purposes; and

WHEREAS, according to the Human Rights Campaign, 75 percent of green cards or immigrant visas are issued to family members of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, including spouses; and

WHEREAS, because U.S. immigration law does not recognize same-sex couples as families, U.S. citizens or permanent residents are unable to sponsor their partners; and

WHEREAS, thousands of same-sex binational couples have suffered emotional and financial devastation under the law; and

WHEREAS, Congressmen Nadler and Leahy introduced H.R. 1024 and S. 424, respectively, to create a mechanism under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to allow U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents in binational same-sex relationships to sponsor their foreign born partner for immigration benefits to the U.S.;

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 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 1024 (Nadler) and companion bill S.424 (Leahy), The Uniting American Families Act of 2009, which would provide a mechanism under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to allow U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents in binational same-sex relationships to sponsor their foreign born partner for immigration benefits to the U.S.

ADOPTED

PRESENTED BY

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ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

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