

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO  
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**SUBJECT:** We Are One: Declaring Opposition to Discriminatory Federal Housing Regulations  
(Res-003-19/20) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

**DATE NOTICED:** 07-02-19

**PRESENTED FOR ACTION:** 07-02-19

**PRESENTED BY:** Ms. Gonez,  
Ms. Goldberg, Ms. García,  
Mr. Melvoin

- **MOVED/SECONDED BY:** Ms. Gonez /  
Ms. Goldberg

**MOTION:**

**RESOLUTION: X**

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is the second largest district in the nation, serving over 600,000 students in the 2018-19 school year;

Whereas, More than 80% of families in the District live at or near the federal poverty line;

Whereas, The Los Angeles County has the highest number of immigrants in the United States and the District welcomes approximately 12,000 newcomer students annually;

Whereas, The District proudly declared that “WE ARE ONE” and stands with all our immigrant families, affirming that the diversity of our District is our strength;

Whereas, The City of Los Angeles is facing an extraordinary housing crisis and over 17,000 district students experienced homelessness during the 2018-19 school year;

Whereas, Families in Los Angeles are facing the fastest rate of rent inflation in 11 years (local Consumer Price Index, February 2019) and the County of Los Angeles faces a shortfall of approximately 517,000 affordable homes to meet the current demand for families that are eligible (California Housing Partnership, April 2019);

Whereas, Immigrant families are more likely to face housing cost burdens and are more likely to report difficulty paying for housing than permanent U.S. Citizens (Robert Wood Johnson Found., Living in America, Katherine E. Garrett ed., 2006);

Whereas, In May 2019 the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a proposed rule titled “FR-6124-P-0: Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status”, which significantly changes HUD’s regulations by further restricting eligibility for federal housing assistance based on immigration status;

Whereas, The proposed change to FR-6124-P-0 requires that every household member be a U.S. citizen or an eligible immigrant, as verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (“SAVE”) system, which is operated by the Department of Homeland Security;

Whereas, According to HUD data approximately 25,000 “mixed-status” families (families in which at least one of the members has eligible documented status qualifying them for housing benefits, whereas other members may not) across the country living in federally subsidized units would be forced to decide between breaking up their families or forgoing their assistance, should the proposed rule change be adopted;

Whereas, HUD’s own Regulatory Impact Analysis of FR-6124-P-0 shows that “more than 55,000 children” could face eviction under the proposed rule change;

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Whereas, HUD anticipates that the “fear of the family being separated would lead to prompt evacuation by most mixed households, whether that fear is justified.” (Regulatory Impact Analysis of FR-6124-P-0);

Whereas, Millions more immigrant families across the country may potentially be harmed by the fear and confusion created by this rule and related policies;

Whereas, The proposed rule places tens of thousands of immigrant families across the country at risk of homelessness, jeopardizing their family and housing stability, both of which would harm District students’ well-being, hindering their ability to succeed in school and ultimately, achieve better life outcomes; and

Whereas, The proposed rule change by the Trump Administration is an unnecessary and cruel attack rooted in hate and xenophobia that unjustly punishes the families Los Angeles Unified School District proudly serves; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to submit a formal public comment on behalf of the District in opposition to the proposed rule change by July 9, 2019 (Docket ID: HUD-2019-0044); and, be it finally

Resolved, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District re-affirms that We Are One: We are L.A. Unified, and we stand with immigrant families in our school communities.

**AYES                      NOES                      ABSTAIN                      ABSENT**

<b>Ms. Garcia</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ms. Goldberg</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ms. Gonez</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dr. McKenna</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Mr. Melvoin</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Mr. Schmerelson</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dr. Vladovic</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>			

**ACTION: ADOPTED**