



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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**MEETING DATE:** April 19, 2005

**ITEM NUMBER:** Item Number

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO PRESIDENT BUSH THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRICTLY ENFORCE LAWS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

**DATE:** MARCH 29, 2005

**FROM:** CITY MANAGERS DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council decide whether to send correspondence to President George Bush requesting that laws against illegal immigration be enforced and California's borders be protected.

## **BACKGROUND:**

As required by Council Policy 000-8, Mayor Allan Mansoor has asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for Council discussion and action.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Mayor Mansoor has asked that staff prepare a letter to President Bush requesting that the federal government strictly enforce laws against illegal immigration and protect the State of California's borders (see Attachment 1).

Council Policy 000-8 sets forth guidelines on taking positions and actions on legislative issues (see Attachment 2). The Policy allows the Mayor to execute position letters on behalf of the City Council when the position is in concurrence with that of the National League of Cities, the State League of Cities, the Orange County Division of the League of Cities or the Orange County Council of Governments.

Formal Council approval is required in instances in which a formal position has not been adopted by any of the above-cited organizations. Currently, none of these organizations have taken a position on the issue of illegal immigration.

In light of this, the Council must decide whether it wishes to adopt a formal position and direct staff to send the attached letter to the President.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Do not send correspondence on this issue.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

No fiscal impact.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

No legal impact.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Council must determine whether they wish to adopt a legislative position and direct staff to send the correspondence to President Bush requesting that the federal government strictly enforce laws against illegal immigration and protect the State of California's borders.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Letter to President Bush](#)  
2 [Council Policy 000-8](#)