

**Resolution #17-0222-003**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PARTNERSHIPS TO UPLIFT  
COMMUNITIES LOS ANGELES**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIONS TO MAKE PARTNERSHIPS  
TO UPLIFT COMMUNITIES LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS SAFE SCHOOL  
ZONES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation believes that all students, regardless of their demographics or background, will learn and achieve if given the right opportunities and support, and is committed to providing an excellent college-preparatory education for all of its students;

**WHEREAS**, The United States Supreme Court held in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little control over their immigration status, the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and equal protection rights of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) states in its 2011 policy that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials unless exigent circumstances exist;

**WHEREAS**, Large-scale ICE operations have not yet been carried out in Southern California, but immigration enforcement may affect Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles employees and families and a possible shift in ICE enforcement priority has created a climate of heightened fear and anxiety for Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles employees and their families;

**WHEREAS**, ICE activities in and around schools would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students;

**WHEREAS**, Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles prides itself on creating a safe, welcoming, inclusive environment for all its students, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles (the “Board”) affirms the authority of the staff of Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools to

continue to protect the data and identities of any student, alumnus, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Board affirms its support for every individual embracing education and that Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles will join in the tradition of the Los Angeles Unified School District and other districts across the country, by declaring the Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools as safe places for students and families, and such students and families can visit the Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools to seek help, information, and safety if faced with fear and anxiety about immigration enforcement efforts;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles shall abide by the following conduct:

- Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles personnel shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but, not limited to, the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction;
- Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles personnel shall not inquire about a student's immigration status, including that of family members;
- Any request by ICE for information or access to a school site shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent for review and a decision guided by legal counsel on whether to allow ICE access to the site, and/or the information to ensure Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools' compliance with *Plyer* and other applicable laws;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the officers of Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles shall establish the Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools as resource and information sites for students and their families, and the Board encourages the Superintendent, Principals, and staff of Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools to enhance partnerships with community-based and legal service organizations and directs the Superintendent and Principals of Partnerships to Uplift Communities Los Angeles schools to provide the necessary outlets for expression, learning, communication, and information by their families, which may include, among other actions the provision of resources to provide

assistance for families in need of assistance.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Superintendent shall ensure teachers, school administrators, and other staff will be trained as necessary on how to implement this policy and notification distributed to families to fully inform them of their rights;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Board remains focused on teaching the academic skills, fostering the intellectual habits, and cultivating the character traits needed for all of our students to thrive.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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