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GARCETTI SEEKS CITY SUPPORT FOR CEDILLO DRIVER'S LICENSE BILL

Councilmember Eric Garcetti introduced legislation today to put the City of Los Angeles on record in support of SB 1160, the bill by State Senator Gil Cedillo that would allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. Councilmember Tony Cardenas seconded the motion, and Councilmember Ed Reyes signed it as well.

"This is a common-sense idea whose time has come," said Councilmember Garcetti. "Law enforcement supports this, because it will make our streets and highways easier to police. We want more drivers with licenses and insurance. It's that simple."

The City of Los Angeles has consistently supported the bills by Senator Cedillo to accomplish this goal, including AB 60 in the 2001-02 session of the Legislature and SB 60 in the current session. The new bill, SB 1160 (Cedillo), seeks a compromise with Governor Schwarzenegger, who has expressed concerns about security. The new bill requires immigrant applicants to pay an additional \$5.00 fee for a federal and state criminal background check.

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