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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Developing a Report Detailing Impacts of Potential Loss of Federal Funding on the City of Berkeley

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager to prepare a preliminary conceptual report on possible scenarios of loss of federal funds, the impacts on the City of Berkeley, and potential solutions

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown; Staff time to prepare the report

BACKGROUND

The Trump administration has repeatedly threatened sanctuary cities with cuts to federal funding, as a response to these cities' non-compliance with the administration's new aggressive immigration policies. Some cities have pursued action to combat the Trump administration's actions against sanctuary cities and threats to federal funding for healthcare, nutrition, and education programs often serving low-income populations. Specifically, the City of San Francisco has sued the administration over threats to sanctuary cities, citing violations of state rights provisions of the U.S. Constitution¹.

Further, the Trump administration has already published plans for a number of significant budget reductions and cuts to federal departments such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy. These budget reductions would significantly impact the amount of money that states and cities receive from the federal government.

The City of Berkeley receives roughly \$11.5M in Federal Funding each year. These funds support a wide variety of programs and services that the City provides, and come from a number of different federal departments including HUD, FEMA, and the Department of Energy.

In light of the Trump administration's threats to sanctuary cities and the proposed budget reductions for federal agencies, the City Council requests that the City Manager

¹ <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-san-francisco-trump-20170131-story.html>

prepare a report detailing federal funding that the City receives, the impacts federal funding on City services and programs, and potential solutions to fill possible funding shortfalls.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts

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