



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo  
Councilmember Raul Peralez

**SUBJECT:** AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF  
EXECUTIVE ACTION

**DATE:** February 18, 2015

Approved

Date

2-18-15

## RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Attorney to join the efforts of the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors in filing an amicus brief in the appeal of the *Texas vs. United States* lawsuit, to support President Obama's recent executive action on immigration.

## BACKGROUND

In late January, our colleagues in cities throughout the country signed on to an amicus brief in the *Texas vs. United States* lawsuit as a way to support President Obama's recent action to protect millions of undocumented people from deportation. This brief opposes a lawsuit pending in Brownsville, TX that was filed by states seeking to block the President's efforts on administrative relief from deportation.

Although we missed the first window to sign on, we understand there is an effort underway to mount a second sign-on strategy as this case heads to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. We believe San José should be ready to sign on when that opportunity arises.