



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: March 29, 2010

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, IGR Sub-committee Chair

Subject: Federal Agenda

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Approved by Gene Ranieri _____

Presenters in Committee:

Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the FY 2011 Federal Agenda as adopted on February 12, 2010. The amendment would be added to the policy initiatives section on page 15. The language to be inserted follows:

Lawful Permanent Residents: Equal Treatment. Under current federal law gay and lesbian couples are not permitted to sponsor foreign-born life partners or spouses for residency in the United States. Congress is urged to support legislation that would permit such sponsorship provided that applicants would be subject to the same interview process as married couples; that the American partner would be required to sign an affidavit committing to support the foreign national partner for a specified amount of time and that the legislation does not redefine marriage.