




COUNCIL AGENDA: 10/16/2018
ITEM: 2.14 (18-1390)

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk 

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 16, 2018

**SUBJECT: AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond). Adult Education Block Grant Program:
Immigrant Integration.**


RECOMMENDATION:

(a) Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, re-affirm a support position for AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond).

CEQA: Not a Project; File No. PP17-010, City Organizational & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (City Manager)

[Rules Committee referral 10/03/18 - Item G.3]



EXPEDITED CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST			
Department(s): CMO	Date: 09/27/18	Coordination: Intergovernmental Relations and City Attorney	Dept. Approval: /s/ Zulma Maciel
			CMO Approval: 
SUBJECT: AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond) Adult Education Block Grant Program: Immigrant Integration			
RECOMMENDED POSITION: Support			
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, re-affirm a support position for AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond). (b) Recommend this item be agendaized for the October 16, 2018 City Council meeting so that the City's legislative representative can continue to advocate the City's position for AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond). 			
BILL SYNOPSIS:			
<p>The bill directs that the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration receive the annual report on Adult Education Block Grant Program in addition to the Director of Finance, the State Board of Education and the Legislature. It also directs the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to work with the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration and adult education program providers to identify common measures for meeting the needs of immigrant and refugee adults. It further directs said parties to define the specific data the consortium of adult education providers must collect, as well as establish a menu of common assessments and policies for use in placing immigrant adults, measuring educational needs of adults and the effectiveness of providers in addressing those needs. This bill also extends the deadline for the Chancellor and Superintendent to identify measures for assessing the effectiveness of each consortium from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2019.</p>			
IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSE:			
<p>Adding immigrant integration to the Adult Education Block Grant Program outcomes aligns fully with the City's "Welcoming San José Plan" by expanding economic opportunities for immigrants by helping them improve their job skills and English proficiency. The bill provides incentives for education providers to maintain and improve services to immigrants and refugees in San José and beyond. The bill also protects the data and personal information of immigrants and refugees. The consortium can share the data only in an aggregated way, thereby maintaining the confidentiality of participant information.</p>			
POLICY ALIGNMENT:			
<p>A support position on AB 2098 aligns with Council-adopted priority to "ensure the region's competitiveness through strategic economic development", and "provide services that promote health, economic self-sufficiency, education, and high quality of life for all San José residents."</p>			

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

Supporters: Alliance for Language Learners' Integration, Education and Success; Association of Community and Continuing Education; California Council for Adult Education; California Adult Education Administrators Association; San José Evergreen Community College.

Opponents: None.

STATUS OF BILL:

The Governor signed AB 2098 on September 26, 2018.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Zulma Maciel, Assistant to the City Manager, 408-535-8146.