

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** May 1, 2018  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Eric Dunn, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Amicus Brief in support of the Department of Justice

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve joining an amicus brief prepared by the Immigration Reform Law Institute ("IRLI") in support of the Department of Justice ("DOJ") lawsuit asserting the supremacy of federal laws, and authorize the City Attorney to take actions related thereto.

### **BACKGROUND**

As discussed in prior meetings, the DOJ filed a lawsuit against the State of California challenging recent laws adopted by the State. A number of jurisdictions have adopted local ordinances or taken other action related to the issue. The IRLI prepared an amicus (friend of the court) brief in support of the DOJ's lawsuit and the principle that federal law preempts the new state laws under the Constitution's Supremacy Clause. IRLI reached out to a number of cities about joining the amicus brief. The City will be listed in the brief and will receive updates on the case, but will not be directly involved in the litigation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no cost to the City.