



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
Chief Clerk's Office  
402 City Hall  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

## **RESOLUTION NO. 050109**

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**Introduced February 10, 2005**

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**Councilmembers Kenney and Ramos**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Law and Government**

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### **RESOLUTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create the Office of the Director of Immigrant Affairs, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now therefore

*RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA*, That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

#### **ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH – ORGANIZATION**

##### **CHAPTER 1 OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES**

Section 3-100. Executive and Administrative Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions and Agencies Designated. The executive and administrative work of the City shall be performed by:

- (a) The following elected or appointed officers:

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*Director of Immigrant Affairs.*

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## CHAPTER 2 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

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*Section 3-210. Director of Immigrant Affairs. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of a majority of all the members of the Council, shall appoint the Director of Immigrant Affairs.*

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## CHAPTER 6 COMPENSATION

Section 3-600. The Mayor and Other Officers. Until the Council shall otherwise ordain, annual salaries shall be payable in equal semi-monthly installments as follows:

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*Director of Immigrant Affairs, \$100,000.*

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## ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH POWERS AND DUTIES

The Mayor, The City Representative and  
Departments, Boards and Commissions under the Mayor

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## CHAPTER 11 DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

*Section 4-1100. Powers and Duties. The Director of Immigrant Affairs shall have the following powers and duties:*

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(a) *Promote the interests and needs of Philadelphia's immigrants and foreign-born community.*

(b) *Assist immigrants with access to and delivery of all City services, including housing, health services, education and law enforcement; act as a liaison between City agencies and immigrant communities throughout the City; provide language services for immigrants when interacting with City agencies; and advise the Mayor on immigration-related issues.*

(c) *Work with community-based organizations to insure that new immigrants receive the services they need and make referrals as necessary.*

(d) *Assist immigrants with all state and federal agencies, including applying for and obtaining citizenship.*

(e) *Inform and provide education to the public on immigration policies, and coordinate efforts to institutionalize annual City-wide public events to promote the contributions made by immigrants to the City.*

(f) *Develop a marketing plan to promote and publicize Philadelphia as an immigration destination throughout the world; work with local colleges and universities to increase recruitment of foreign students; and work with the Philadelphia International Airport to ensure that access is available to Philadelphia from all corners of the globe.*

(g) *Appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as may be required for the proper conduct of the work of the Office of the Director of Immigrant Affairs. The number and compensation of such employees shall not be subject to the approval of any other officer.*

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## ARTICLE VIII PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

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### CHAPTER 4 EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

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Section 8-400. Certain General Provisions to Apply to Certain Officers. All of the provisions of this charter which apply generally to department heads or departments, boards and commissions shall apply to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Finance, the City Treasurer, the City Representative, the Insurance Public Advocate, *the Director of Immigrant Affairs*, and the Personnel Director and to their offices.

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**Explanation:**

*Italics* indicate new matter added.