

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Maya Daniels and I am with The TransLatin@ Coalition. 4.4 million immigrants reside in the Los Angeles metro area totaling 33 percent of the population. Of those 4.4 million, 2.2 million are potentially at risk of deportation. On behalf of this population, it is time for the City of Los Angeles to reassert its leadership on immigrant rights, and to defy the anti-immigrant bigotry that has defined national immigration policies. As LA Sheriff, Jim McDonnell refused to stop the policy of responding to most ICE detainers, gave ICE an office in the county jail, and implemented a 287g agreement (which deputized law enforcement to act as immigration agents) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). During his tenure as Sheriff from November 2014 to 2018, Jim McDonnell oversaw the transfer of thousands of Angelenos to ICE, separating parents from their children and tearing apart families and communities across L.A. County. Immigrant Angelenos continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. The City can ensure that its resources, property and personnel are not being utilized for any federal immigration enforcement by passing a Sanctuary Ordinance. L.A. must no longer contribute to the separation of thousands of Angeleno families. The Sanctuary Ordinance would make Los Angeles a true “sanctuary city,” completely prohibiting ICE transfers, as LA County did in September 2020. I respectfully urge you to enshrine immigrant protections into law and move forward with the Sanctuary Ordinance immediately. By doing so you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you.