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Comments for Public Posting: Sunday, June 15, 2025 Subject: Upholding Civil Rights and Community Safety in LA Chinatown Chinatown Community Coalition, CCC-LA, 90012 Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, We CCC-LA would like to express our gratitude to Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council members for taking decisive actions to prevent the incursion of Federal officers of every stripe from removing our immigrant population from their homes, jobs, loved ones, and community. We write with urgency and deep concern about recent federal police enforcement and immigration-related activities in and around Chinatown, which have instilled fear, confusion, and trauma—especially among our elderly, low-income, immigrant, and undocumented neighbors. These actions have destabilized the community and reopened wounds tied to a long history of displacement and racialized violence. While we recognize that Chinatown’s proximity to downtown Los Angeles may place it near broader enforcement operations, the city must take active steps to ensure our community does not become collateral damage. We urge you to center the following shared principles in any engagement with Chinatown: • LA Chinatown is a historic residential community, deeply rooted in the ongoing quest for civil rights. It has persevered and rebuilt following the 1871 Chinese Massacre and the 1930s destruction of Old Chinatown, standing as a testament to its resilience and strength. Today, it continues to be home to a diverse, multiethnic working-class community that includes many Latinx and Southeast Asian residents. These residents face challenges such as displacement and the incursion of federal officers, which create a climate of fear. The Chinatown Community Coalition (CCC-LA), dedicated to promoting permanently affordable housing and community-driven development, believes that community safety, housing justice, and civil rights are fundamentally interconnected. We express our concern over any erosion of civil rights, whether through gentrification, the incursion of federal officers, or displacement. Trauma and instability threaten our collective future, and we must address these issues thoughtfully and collaboratively. • The land that Chinatown sits on carries centuries of human habitation, resistance, and renewal. It must not be tied to injustice against its most vulnerable residents, but rather

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