

Communication from Public

Name: MITO AVILES

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:18 PM

Council File No: 17-0046-S3

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mito Aviles and I am with The TransLatin@ Coalition. As advocates for due process in immigration court, we are writing to urge you to vote “yes” on Agenda Item #18 (Council File 17-0046-S3) and approve the MOU for the RepLA program. The MOU would ensure that the City contributes to funding legal representation in immigration court through Represent LA (formerly LA Justice Fund) using a merit-blind approach in determining who will be eligible to receive services. RepresentLA program will be able to expand the eligible use of City-allocated funds to include both detained and non-detained merits-blind removal defense in order to protect and defend Angelenos at imminent risk of deportation. The motion was approved on Friday, October 20th by the Committee on Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability (CREIAD). Therefore, we urge you to ensure this MOU is approved and that the city provides true due process and universal representation to all individuals caught up in this country’s racist detention and deportation system. Immigrants are the backbone of our community in the City of Los Angeles. Turning a blind eye or a deaf ear would be counterproductive to the moment for inclusivity and equity for our immigrant population in Los Angeles. Thank you!

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Name: Sara Reyes

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:28 PM

Council File No: 17-0046-S3

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sara Reyes, and I am with the TransLatin@ Coalition, a subcontractor of Represent LA, providing legal services to our community. As advocates for due process in immigration court, I am here to express my support for the MOU amendment and urge you to vote “yes” on Agenda Item #18 (Council File 17-0046-S3) to approve the MOU for the RepLA program. I believe this program should invest in the lives of Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex individuals. The city must prioritize immigrants and ensure access to justice for all. It's a fundamental value for any progressive city striving for inclusivity. The MOU would ensure that the City contributes to funding legal representation in immigration court through Represent LA using a merit-blind approach in determining who will be eligible to receive services. RepresentLA program will be able to expand the eligible use of City-allocated funds to include both detained and non-detained merits-blind removal defense in order to protect and defend Angelenos at imminent risk of deportation. This motion was approved on Friday, October 20th by the Committee on Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability (CREIAD). Therefore, I urge you to ensure this MOU is approved and that the City provides true due process and universal representation to all individuals caught up in this country’s racist detention and deportation system. Thank you.

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Name: Wendy Miranda

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:36 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Byron

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Byron Jose, and I am with the TransLatin@ Coalition, a subcontractor of Represent LA, providing legal services to our community. As advocates for due process in immigration court, I am here to express my support for the MOU amendment and urge you to vote “yes” on Agenda Item #18 (Council File 17-0046-S3) to approve the MOU for the RepLA program. This program should invest in the lives of Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex individuals. The city must prioritize immigrants and ensure access to justice for all. It's a fundamental value for any progressive city striving for inclusivity. The MOU would ensure that the City contributes to funding legal representation in immigration court through Represent LA using a merit-blind approach in determining who will be eligible to receive services. RepresentLA program will be able to expand the eligible use of City-allocated funds to include both detained and non-detained merits-blind removal defense in order to protect and defend Angelenos at imminent risk of deportation. This motion was approved on Friday, October 20th by the Committee on Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability (CREIAD). Therefore, I urge you to ensure this MOU is approved and that the City provides true due process and universal representation to all individuals caught up in this country’s racist detention and deportation system. Thank you.