

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mona Field and I am President of the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles. 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. Thank you!