

Communication from Public

Name: Secure Justice

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brian Hofer, and I am writing on behalf of Secure Justice, which advocates against state abuse of power, and for reduction in government and corporate over-reach. We target change in government contracting and corporate complicity with government policies and practices that are inconsistent with democratic values and principles of human rights. Immigrants are an integral part of our communities and an essential part of the rich cultural tapestry of Los Angeles. A robust sanctuary policy is a necessary step to creating a more inclusive, multi-racial and multicultural Los Angeles. 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. 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. LA must no longer contribute to or enable the deportation pipeline and separation of families. I call on you to vote AYE on the Sanctuary Motion, Council File #23-0243. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you.

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Name: Mustafa Filat

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mustafa Filat, and I am a Justice Catalyst Fellow at Public Counsel. Public Counsel knows well the profound and devastating consequences that can result when our local resources are used to support unjust detention and deportation. Our Immigrants' Rights Project provides direct legal services to immigrants in detention and fights to protect the rights of those facing removal and separation from their families. Our clients regularly report substandard conditions and treatment, and our attorneys regularly encounter unaccountable barriers to accessing our clients. Public Counsel is committed to ending the inhumane and unjust detention practices that have ruptured families and communities throughout L.A. Disentangling City resources from federal immigration enforcement is a key step toward a safer and more just Los Angeles. In recent years, the threat of detention and deportation has intensified as a result of ICE purchasing large troves of personal information from commercial data brokers – data that often includes inaccurate information leading to improper detention and deportation. Los Angeles is safer when immigrants and their families feel secure, safe to engage with our local government, confident to step into leadership roles in their communities, and protected from intrusive data collection. Hundreds of thousands of undocumented Angelenos - our families, co-workers, neighbors, friends, local street vendors, our teachers, our community leaders, our fellow Angelenos - live in constant fear of being unjustly swept into ICE detention and deportation proceedings, and these unjust detentions and deportations can have devastating and cruel consequences. Many Angelenos who are detained and deported face persecution, torture, and death in their countries of origin. Detention is psychologically damaging, and lengthy periods of detention may lead detainees to abandon their cases, even if they might be eligible for lawful status. Facilities are inadequate with substandard medical & mental health care. The detention or deportation of a parent leaves many households without anyone earning wages, resulting in families going hungry, struggling to remain in their homes, and in many cases, children being placed in foster care. We have seen this directly through our clients. Our experience has shown us that children whose parents are detained or deported experience anxiety, depression, and increased

behavioral problems—childhood traumas with long-term consequences. LA has the chance to lead! This motion is the first step towards establishing a permanent city ordinance that keeps families together, supports our immigrant communities, and prevents Angelenos from facing unjust detention conditions. Our valuable local resources should be used to build trust between local government and all communities, supporting immigrant families and not tearing them apart.