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Comments for Public Posting: As a community member and child and family social worker I strongly support passing this ordinance to protect immigrant communities in Los Angeles. I believe the City Council and Mayor should do everything to ensure that municipal resources are not used for federal immigration enforcement especially with the incoming second Trump Administration and rise in anti-immigrant bigotry. The unjust and inhumane detention and deportation system separates and traumatizes families, keeps our neighbors in fear, and makes our communities less safe. Los Angeles should re-affirm its commitment to defending immigrant Angelenos and their right to thrive in our communities by voting AYE on the Sanctuary Ordinance, Council File #23-0243.

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Name: Ellen von zur Muehlen

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ellen von zur Muehlen and I am a resident of Katy Yaroslavsky's district. I am writing to give public comment on agenda item 52, regarding adopting an ordinance to make Los Angeles a Sanctuary City. I urge all members of the council to vote YES to adopt this ordinance. In the coming years of the Trump administration, we can expect unconscionable attacks and scapegoating of the immigrant community, particularly of undocumented immigrants who already live in precarious conditions. Vote YES to help protect our neighbors from these attacks and make LA a stronghold against the fascist politics of the Trump regime. Immigrant communities are essential to the fabric of this city, and deserve greater rights and protection no matter what their immigrant status is. Trump's policies will, as they were last time, be brutal and cruel, ripping families apart for his militarized deportation campaign. As city council members who represent millions of immigrants that reside in this city, you have a duty to refuse to comply with such unacceptable and inhumane policies and to protect LA residents instead. Trump and his allies spread vicious lies about immigrants, blaming them for everything from rising crime to the housing crisis. Here in this city, we know this to be false and we must reject these assertions, based on hate and prejudice rather than any kind of empirical data or scientific analysis, at all turns. In fact, research shows that immigrants contribute to the economy and very rarely commit crimes, making them ideal members of the community. Rather than accept the hateful lies of the far right, we must band together as a city to declare that we stand with our immigrant neighbors and create a city based on values that reflect a basic respect for human lives. Once again, I am calling for all city council members, and particularly Katy Yaroslavsky as the representative of my district, to vote to adopt this ordinance. History is watching your actions now. Choose to side with compassion and justice.

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Name: Daniel Delgado

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Daniel Delgado, and I am a graduate student worker at USC, a member of UAW 872, and a resident of Katy Yaroslavsky's district. I am writing to give public comment on agenda item 52 because I want to urge everyone on the city council, but especially Yaroslavsky, to vote yes on making LA a sanctuary city. As the child of two immigrant parents, from Cuba and Nicaragua, I fear Trump's federal policy and worry about the harm it will cause to immigrant families like mine. In particular, undocumented migrants, who contribute to our local economy with their work and taxes, should be protected and deserve a community that ensures they can live a peaceful and prosperous life. Trump's immigration policies are inhumane and promise to tear families apart in a militarized mass deportation campaign. We have the power in this city, a bastion of immigrant America, to stand up to the extremism of Trump, and become a model for how to defend our communities against the hate and vitriol which is sure to consume the country in this second Trump regime. It gives me hope, and makes me confident in our local leadership, to see city council members like Hugo Soto-Martinez, Eunisses Hernandez, and Nithya Raman leading the way toward a safer Los Angeles for immigrants, especially undocumented folks. I urge my city council representative, Katy Yaroslavsky to vote on the right side of history in the face of far-right hate mongering. Despite the lies of Trump and Vance, immigrants commit fewer crimes than native-born citizens. Additionally, immigration has had net positive impacts on the U.S. economy. Rather than drive down wages, a report from the Economic Policy Institute found that "immigration overall has led to better, not worse, wages and work opportunities for U.S.-born workers." In California alone, immigrant workers and business owners generate \$1.1 trillion of economic output. In fact, current U.S. immigration policy wastes even greater potential benefits by depriving immigrants of their full rights as workers and granting employers too much power. Now is the time to fight back against the racist campaign disparaging immigrants as existential threats to our way of life. Vote to make LA a Sanctuary City!