

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express two things -- my support, and my thanks. First of all, I'd like to support the continued operation of the Los Angeles Justice Fund (LJF) for current and new cases in the City of Los Angeles. I think the fund should work to ensure the increased flexibility to serve all eligible cases, current and new, which also ensures increased efficiency in use of funds to maximize the benefit to our immigrant communities. This is a crucial time for strong and decisive action. With 3.5 immigrants living in Los Angeles and growing numbers of Covid cases in the detention centers, detention is a human rights issue. Now more than ever it's time to protect our community. The LJF should be renewed at \$1m with no restriction on new cases. I also want to express my thanks to the Councilmembers who have supported the LJF and our immigrant community. Councilmembers Cedillo, Krekorian, and Bonin have taken the lead here and done real work to support this crucial endeavor. I encourage the other members of this council to step up in the way Councilmembers Cedillo, Krekorian, and Bonin have. Thank you. Amelia Gray