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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose the Afghan resettlement resolution. It is imprudent to encourage the settlement of Afghans, who were incautiously brought to the U.S. from Kabul, to L.A. It would adversely affect the public safety and health of Angelenos. Most of the refugees flying in from Kabul have not been properly vetted for criminal records or ties to terrorist groups like ISIS-K, al-Qaeda, and the Taliban. While interpreters should be helped, the vast majority of the Kabul evacuees are not in this category. Problems are already starting to occur at the refugee camps at military bases. In Texas recently, two Kabul evacuees were arrested for assault-related crimes, and an American servicewoman was assaulted in New Mexico by a group of Afghan males. A number of evacuees also suffer from measles, TB, Covid-19, and other communicable diseases; in fact, flights were suspended recently because of measles outbreaks among those hastily evacuated. We should not endanger the safety and health of our citizens by encouraging this migration to Los Angeles, particularly during a pandemic. Other cities without large refugee populations should share the burden of resettlement, such as Wilmington, Delaware.