

Communication from Public

Name: Esperanza Community Housing

Date Submitted: 01/19/2022 12:30 PM

Council File No: 17-0046-S2

Comments for Public Posting: We, Esperanza Community Housing, support the LA Justice Fund and urge you to approve this item, ensuring that the City reaffirms its commitment to protect immigrant Angelenos, a valuable part of this city's social fabric. We urge you to renew and create a permanent, holistic, merit-blind program for legal representation in immigration court to ensure due process for all! We must reject this false narrative of a good versus a bad immigrant, where we choose who deserves justice and who does not. It was created by a racist criminal system and perpetuated in our equally racist and xenophobic immigration system. The stakes are high: immigrants of color are racially profiled and criminalized are then funneled into the detention and deportation machinery with Black migrants, especially, being disproportionately vulnerable to immigration enforcement and deportation. Prisons and jails are primary feeders into immigration detention. They deny our humanity and tear apart families and communities. We deserve better. You have the power to act. Stand and defend individuals who call Los Angeles their home. Today, you decide which side you stand on. The choice is clear. Vote to create a permanent LA Justice Fund Program with a true model of due process for all. Thank you.

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Name: Sasha Feldstein

Date Submitted: 01/19/2022 01:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, This is Sasha Feldstein, 4th generation Californian born and raised and currently living in Los Angeles. My grandmother went to Fairfax High, and my mother went to Taft. That is to say I come from a long line of Angelenos and I care deeply about this city. I am also the Economic Policy Director at California Immigrant Policy Center and care deeply about the immigrant communities who call LA home and make it the great city that it is. I am calling in support of the LA Justice Fund and urge you to vote the right way on item 1. The City must reaffirm its commitment to protect immigrant Angelenos, a valuable part of this city's social fabric. We urge you to create a permanent, holistic, merit-blind program for legal representation in immigration court to ensure due process for all! We must reject this false narrative of a good versus a bad immigrant, where we choose who deserves justice and who does not. It was created by a racist criminal system and perpetuated in our equally racist and xenophobic immigration system. The stakes are high: immigrants of color are racially profiled and criminalized are then funneled into the detention and deportation machinery with Black migrants, especially, being disproportionately vulnerable to immigration enforcement and deportation. Prisons and jails are primary feeders into immigration detention. They deny our humanity and tear apart families and communities. We deserve better. You have the power to act. Stand and defend individuals who call Los Angeles their home. Today, you decide which side you stand on. The choice is clear. Vote for 1A, 2B, and 3B and ensure due process for all. Thank you.