

Communication from Public

Name: Bolivia Calenzani

Date Submitted: 05/10/2022 09:16 AM

Council File No: 17-0046-S2

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Bolivia Calenzani and I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles in Council District 1. I am writing this message in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund and to urge the City Council to approve an inclusive program framework today! Immigrants make up 36.3% of Los Angeles total population, 51.4% of the city's business owners, and 71.75% of the essential workers. Immigrants have deep roots in our communities, including undocumented Angelenos— 70% have lived in the United States for over a decade. Immigrants are essential to our communities in so many ways and deserve a fair trial with the support of a trained attorney when facing removal proceedings within a complicated immigration system. To date, approximately 92% of all LA Justice Fund clients have been people seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, unhoused people, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. The City of LA cannot claim to be committed to racial justice while denying legal representation to Black and brown immigrants unfairly targeted and criminalized by law enforcement. The model we put in place now will be the foundation for the future. We cannot allow a program that seeks justice for all to be built upon a foundation of exclusion. Immigrants deserve due process and the support of a trained attorney. I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st. You must instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.

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Name: Diana Ramos

Date Submitted: 05/10/2022 09:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Diana Ramos and I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles in Council District 9. I am a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights and am writing in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund and to urge the City Council to approve an inclusive program framework today. Immigrants make up 36.3% of Los Angeles total population, 51.4% of the city's business owners, and 71.75% of the essential workers. Immigrants have deep roots in our communities, including undocumented Angelenos— 70% have lived in the United States for over a decade. Immigrants are essential to our communities in so many ways and deserve a fair trial with the support of a trained attorney when facing removal proceedings within a complicated immigration system. To date, approximately 92% of all LA Justice Fund clients have been people seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, unhoused people, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. The City of LA cannot claim to be committed to racial justice while denying legal representation to Black and brown immigrants unfairly targeted and criminalized by law enforcement. The model we put in place now will be the foundation for the future. We cannot allow a program that seeks justice for all to be built upon a foundation of exclusion. Immigrants deserve due process and the support of a trained attorney. I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st and to, instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.

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Name: Michell Saucedo

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Michell Saucedo and I was born and raised in the City of Los Angeles in Council District 2 and my immediate and extended family still reside in the City of LA. I am writing in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund and to urge the City Council to approve an inclusive program framework today. Immigrants make up 36.3% of Los Angeles's total population, 51.4% of the city's business owners, and 71.75% of the essential workers. Immigrants have deep roots in our communities, including undocumented Angelenos— 70% have lived in the United States for over a decade. Immigrants are essential to our communities in so many ways and deserve a fair trial with the support of a trained attorney when facing removal proceedings within a complicated immigration system. To date, approximately 92% of all LA Justice Fund clients have been people seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, unhoused people, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. The City of LA cannot claim to be committed to racial justice while denying legal representation to Black and brown immigrants unfairly targeted and criminalized by law enforcement. The model we put in place now will be the foundation for the future. We cannot allow a program that seeks justice for all to be built upon a foundation of exclusion. Immigrants deserve due process and the support of a trained attorney. I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st and to, instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Genesis Palma and I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles in Council District 10. I am writing in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund and to urge the City Council to approve an inclusive program framework today. Immigrants make up 36.3% of Los Angeles total population, 51.4% of the city's business owners, and 71.75% of the essential workers. Immigrants have deep roots in our communities, including undocumented Angelenos— 70% have lived in the United States for over a decade. Immigrants are essential to our communities in so many ways and deserve a fair trial with the support of a trained attorney when facing removal proceedings within a complicated immigration system. To date, approximately 92% of all LA Justice Fund clients have been people seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, unhoused people, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. The City of LA cannot claim to be committed to racial justice while denying legal representation to Black and brown immigrants unfairly targeted and criminalized by law enforcement. The model we put in place now will be the foundation for the future. We cannot allow a program that seeks justice for all to be built upon a foundation of exclusion. Immigrants deserve due process and the support of a trained attorney. As a pro bono immigration attorney, I see first-hand the unfairness and injustices against undocumented immigrants. Almost all of my clients made the difficult decision of leaving their countries to flee a foreseeable or recurring harm. Many come to Los Angeles because they know it is an immigrant-friendly city. However, they quickly learn how difficult and frustrating it is to live in the United States without "legal" status. The immigration system makes it so difficult for them to live a life with dignity, which is discouraging after traveling thousands of miles to arrive here. I implore you to reject the amendments because our current immigration laws make it difficult to litigate a case in immigration court. By rejecting the proposed amendments, you will level the playing field and restore fairness in an already inequitable system. I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st and to, instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the

City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.

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Name: Kathy Khommarath

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kathy Khommarath and I am a resident of the Los Angeles County. I work and spend much of my time in the City of Los Angeles, utilizing its resources and contributing to our community there. I lived in the City of Los Angeles for a number of years and hope to return as a resident in the future. I am writing in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund and to urge the City Council to approve an inclusive program framework today. Immigrants make up 36.3% of Los Angeles total population, 51.4% of the city's business owners, and 71.75% of the essential workers. Immigrants have deep roots in our communities, including undocumented Angelenos— 70% have lived in the United States for over a decade. Immigrants are essential to our communities in so many ways and deserve a fair trial with the support of a trained attorney when facing removal proceedings within a complicated immigration system. To date, approximately 92% of all LA Justice Fund clients have been people seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, unhoused people, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. The City of LA cannot claim to be committed to racial justice while denying legal representation to Black and brown immigrants unfairly targeted and criminalized by law enforcement. The model we put in place now will be the foundation for the future. We cannot allow a program that seeks justice for all to be built upon a foundation of exclusion. Immigrants deserve due process and the support of a trained attorney. I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st and to, instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.

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Name: Monica Vargas

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Name: Carolina Goodman

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Comments for Public Posting: Carolina Goodman, representing the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles We urge you to approve the recommendations that came out of the January 2022 hearing of the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. We support the Los Angeles Justice Fund's efforts to provide due process for all. The proposed amendment on criminal exclusions made by the Budget and Finance Committee do not reflect the Council's own commitment to view public policy through a racial lens. In addition, by removing criminal carveouts, the program is actually MORE efficient and fiscally sound. Finally, those who face deportation with criminal records have already served their sentences. It is unfair to impose double punishment by excluding them from the LA Justice Fund. The Council should reject the proposed amendment on criminal exclusions. Instead, the Council should adopt the recommendations of the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee, making the LA Justice Fund accessible to all Angelenos facing deportation proceedings. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Maritza Agundez

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Comments for Public Posting: The LA Justice fund is necessary for our community. I am a resident of Los Angeles and I call on you to reject the amendments approved by the Budget & Finance Committee on March 21st and to, instead, approve an inclusive framework aligned with recommendations from the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to due process for all, and to a future in which no one should have to walk into Immigration Court alone. We need and deserve an inclusive representation program that does not reduce immigrants into the 'good' vs. the 'bad.' This is a harmful and dangerous narrative. We demand that the City of Los Angeles protects the right to due process of immigrants who face an unjust and inhumane federal immigration landscape by approving a program framework that is inclusive and does NOT criminalize immigrants. Our neighbors can't wait any longer.