

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tatiana Guardado  
**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2023 10:02 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0243

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Tatiana and I am a Community Advocate with The Asian Law Caucus, through our work, we continuously fight alongside the immigrant community to fight for their rights. I applaud the Councilmembers who introduced and seconded the Sanctuary LA Motion, which will begin the process for LA City to establish a long overdue policy to disentangle its resources, personnel, and property from ICE. Our immigrant neighbors continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. We can no longer bolster a system that disproportionately affects migrants of color. Even with a supposedly “immigrant friendly” administration, families and communities are still being torn apart and separated every day. A local sanctuary policy would defend immigrant communities from the harmful effects of the racist immigration system and keep families together. LA should be a city where people can feel safe when engaging with its city departments and services, and not worry that information can be gathered and shared with immigration authorities. Sanctuary policies help uphold our values of compassion, equality, and common humanity. If the City is committed to standing up for immigrant residents, then you must support this effort to prohibit any entanglement with the detention and deportation system. I call on you to move the Council File #23-0243 Motion forward. By doing so you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you Tatiana

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sasha Feldstein

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2023 02:19 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sasha Feldstein and I am with California Immigrant Policy Center, I applaud the Councilmembers who introduced and seconded the Sanctuary LA Motion, which will begin the process for LA City to establish a long overdue policy to disentangle its resources, personnel, and property from ICE. Immigrant Angelenos continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. We can no longer bolster a system that disproportionately affects migrants of color. Even with a supposedly “immigrant friendly” administration, families and communities are still being torn apart and separated every day. A local sanctuary policy would defend immigrant communities from the harmful effects of the racist immigration system and keep Angeleno families together. LA should be a city where people can feel safe when engaging with its city departments and services, and not worry that information can be gathered and shared with immigration authorities. Sanctuary policies help uphold our values of compassion, equality, and common humanity. If the City is committed to standing up for immigrant residents, then you must support this effort to prohibit any entanglement with the detention and deportation system. I call on you to move the Council File #23-0243 Motion forward. By doing so you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you. Sasha

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Mangold  
**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2023 07:45 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jessica and I am a student at the UCLA School of Law who is passionate about the rights of immigrants and BIPOC communities.. I applaud the Councilmembers who introduced and seconded the Sanctuary LA Motion, which will begin the process for LA City to establish a long overdue policy to disentangle its resources, personnel, and property from ICE. This serves as an essential step towards making good on LA's promise of being a "City of Sanctuary" in 2019, a promise that rang hollow in the ears of immigrant Angelenos, their families, and their communities who have continued to experience great hardship. A formal declaration was never going to be enough - this Sanctuary LA Motion would turn that declaration into policy that enshrines change and encourages accountability. Immigrant Angelenos continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. We can no longer bolster a system that disproportionately has a negative impact upon migrants of color. Even with a supposedly "immigrant friendly" presidential administration, families and communities are still being torn apart and separated every day. A local sanctuary policy would defend immigrant communities from the harmful effects of the structurally racist immigration system and keep Angeleno families together. Migrants come to this country to build a better life for themselves and their loved ones. Immigrants and their communities contribute to the vibrancy of LA. It is time for LA City Council to take action to protect the safety, privacy, and dignity of these communities who have given so much to the City. Moreover, LA should be a city where people can feel safe when engaging with its city departments and services, and not worry that information can be gathered and shared with immigration authorities. The Sanctuary LA Motion has the potential to encourage greater belief in the City's departments and services amongst all Angelenos, thereby facilitating increased civic engagement and participation, particularly amongst community members who have historically been underrepresented in important City activities and decision-making. Sanctuary policies also help uphold our values of compassion, equality, and common humanity. It is only by upholding and acting upon these core values through policy that LA can ever have a chance to create the sorts of strong, cohesive, and supportive communities that will promote meaningful public

safety. The Sanctuary LA Motion represents an opportunity for LA to position itself as a model for cities across the country and provides the chance for the City to truly embrace its immigrant communities by explicitly protecting their safety, privacy, and dignity under the law. If the City is committed to standing up for immigrant residents, then you must support this effort to prohibit any entanglement with the detention and deportation system. I call on you to move the Council File #23-0243 Motion forward. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Do not allow this opportunity for LA to make history and support the creation of a more just future to pass you by. Thank you, Jessica

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mustafa Filat

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2023 08:56 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Mustafa Filat and I am with Public Counsel. I applaud the Councilmembers who introduced and seconded the Sanctuary LA Motion, which will begin the process for LA City to establish a long overdue policy to disentangle its resources, personnel, and property from ICE. Immigrant Angelenos continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. We can no longer bolster a system that disproportionately affects migrants of color. Even with a supposedly “immigrant friendly” administration, families and communities are still being torn apart and separated every day. A local sanctuary policy would defend immigrant communities from the harmful effects of the racist immigration system and keep Angeleno families together. The prospective policy will prevent ICE from purchasing its way around LA’s sanctuary city policy. As written, the policy would prevent LA from entering into contracts with commercial data brokers that sell information to ICE. This language is important because ICE circumvents sanctuary policies by purchasing multi-million dollar contracts with commercial data brokers who provide ICE with real-time personally identifiable information (home and work addresses, phone numbers, license plate tracking information, etc.) on millions of immigrants. LA should be a city where people can feel safe when engaging with its city departments and services, and not worry that information can be gathered and shared with immigration authorities. Sanctuary policies help uphold our values of compassion, equality, and common humanity. If the City is committed to standing up for immigrant residents, then you must support this effort to prohibit any entanglement with the detention and deportation system. I call on you to move the Council File #23-0243 Motion forward. By doing so you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you, Mustafa Filat