

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar

**Date Submitted:** 03/20/2023 12:00 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0243

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar and I am a nonprofit immigration attorney who serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. 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. Elizabeth

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tanya

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2023 05:06 PM

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