

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** General Public Comment: I work at the National Immigration Law Center and write to ask the City of Los Angeles to reaffirm its commitment to protect the millions of immigrant Angeleno that are part of our City's social fabric by renewing and creating a permanent Los Angeles Justice Fund to ensure due process for all. We urge the commitment of public dollars to protect non-citizen Angelenos, and the elimination of the criminal carveouts. Addressing detentions and deportations is an issue of racial justice. As the disparate racial impacts of policing, and the criminal legal system more generally, cascade into the immigration system, immigrants of color feel the double oppression that comes from over-policing from both law enforcement and immigration enforcement. Structural racism is intrinsic to the U.S. immigration system. The worst inequities and abuses of the criminal justice system—those which over-police, over-charge, and over-prosecute communities of color—also place Black and brown immigrants at higher risk of deportation. We must have universal representation - due process for ALL people caught up in this system, precisely because the basis of the system is based on a racist framework that aims to do harm to these communities. The Los Angeles Justice Fund is an example of what the City of Los Angeles can and must do to rise up to the challenge set forth by our nation in this time of reckoning. The work for LA's immigrant community is unfinished. With your leadership and commitment to the LAJF, Los Angeles can continue to be a leader in fighting back against xenophobia and racism, and in furthering racial justice.