

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council Members, My name is Liliana Alonso-Maya from the Alliance for a Better Community. ABC is an advocacy organization focused on promoting the economic prosperity of the Latino community and the Los Angeles region, inclusive of an improved quality of life for Latinos in education, health and civic participation. For over 20 years, ABC has advocated for Latinos and immigrants in Los Angeles as we know they shape and strengthen our cities and counties throughout the United States. We are her in support of the Los Angeles Justice Fund. ABC supports the LA Justice Fund and we urge you to make this a permanent program, as it is a critical local safety net for immigrant communities in Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles must 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. Just a few days ago, we welcomed a new president, with new policies, with a new vision for immigration. But our broken immigration system is still present. We must recognize that while some relief for our immigrant communities could be on the horizon, many of our community members are already facing deportation and need representation now during this unprecedented time. With nearly 3.5 million immigrants living in Los Angeles County, it is imperative that local governments respond to the needs our population is facing today. With the current climate, separating families and disrupting whole communities will have a negative impact for years and decades to come. More than ever before, this fund reinforces a safety net that is pro-family, pro-economic growth and pro-civil and human rights. This fund is essential to provide legal representation for people whose only crime was looking to create a better life for their family. ABC respectfully urges your support to make the LA Justice Fund a permanent program to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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