

## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2023 05:29 PM  
**Council File No:** 17-0026-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodriguez Settlement



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RE: Support for Council File# CF 17-0026-S1 Rodriguez Settlement

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Dear Chair Price:

Secretary  
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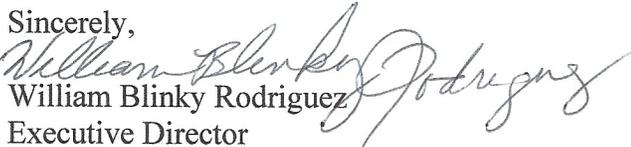
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Sincerely,

  
William Blinky Rodriguez

Executive Director

Champions In Service

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LA Violence Intervention Coalition  
**Date Submitted:** 03/18/2023 09:00 AM  
**Council File No:** 17-0026-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see the attached letter of support for CF 17-0026-S1 Rodriguez Settlement Extension submitted on behalf of the LA Violence Intervention Coalition.



March 16, 2023

Los Angeles City Council

**Re: Support for CF-17-0026-S1: Rodriguez Settlement Extension**

We, the undersigned partners in the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition, write to express our strong support of CF-17-0026-S1- The Rodriguez Settlement Extension Motion authored by Councilmembers Eunisses Hernandez and Tim McOsker.

This motion would authorize the City Attorney to modify the settlement agreement to:

- extend its term for two years, moving the end date from June 27, 2023 to June 27, 2025 and to modify the settlement agreement to allow class members to sign up for benefits under the settlement agreement until March 27, 2025; and
- expand the benefits to include services such as childcare, housing/rental/utility assistance, food and other essential living expenses and ensure that these resources are not contingent on work or education path requirements.

We know that this is an opportunity we should not take lightly. This committed funding and the associated resources can assist in reducing gang violence and save lives by providing opportunities for individuals negatively impacted by gang injunctions including their families. To effectively fulfill the settlement, we must extend the current terms and make changes to honor the full 6,000 class members by ensuring the full \$30 million allocated for services are utilized.

The City must involve and fund partners fluent in gang intervention strategies and services that support those impacted by the gang injunctions, taking the lead on identifying class members and supporting them through the process of service provision. Next, the City must implement necessary changes to the current program by expanding service delivery and resource options. Services and resources provided must include childcare, housing, rental, and utility assistance, food, and other essential living expenses. Finally, the City must utilize the data provided by those contracted to build on the needed services and resources proven to be effective, while also ensuring provider competency through ongoing training and technical assistance.

The Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition stands united as 20 community violence intervention agencies working on the streets of Los Angeles to prevent and reduce gun violence. Our agencies lack consistent multiyear funding support to effectively maintain and expand our staffing to effectively achieve our mission of saving lives from gun violence. We support this motion to provide needed funding resources to our participants. The Rodriguez Settlement Extension will expand the crucial efforts of peacemakers to reduce violence and transform lives.

Sincerely,

Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition (LAVIC)

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Advocates for Peace & Urban Unity (APUU)

Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE)

Arise & Go

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Chapter Two

Community Warriors 4 Peace

Detours Mentoring Group

HELPER Foundation

MMBI Ministries

Resilient Agency

Southern California Ceasefire Committee

Southern California Crossroads

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Volunteers of America, Los Angeles

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**Name:** Homeboy Industries  
**Date Submitted:** 03/18/2023 10:01 AM  
**Council File No:** 17-0026-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Homeboy Industries is in support of Council File# CF 17-0026-S1 Rodriguez Settlement extension. Please see attached letter for additional details.

March 17, 2023



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Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to former gang-members and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to re-direct their lives and become contributing members of our community. Clients are given the highest dosage of services, including case management, peer mentorship, mental health, education, workforce development, legal services, and on-the-job training. Homeboy Industries provides an antidote to the suffering and stressors impacting youth.

Our organization has previously participated in providing services to class members and eligible family members. We are supportive of extending the terms of the settlement and allocating more funding to outreach and to identifying class members. Additionally, we encourage revisiting qualifying services and increasing flexibility of resources to meet the spirit of the settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fabian Garcia".

Fabian Garcia  
Director of Government Relations  
Homeboy Industries

Hope has an address.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Champions In Service  
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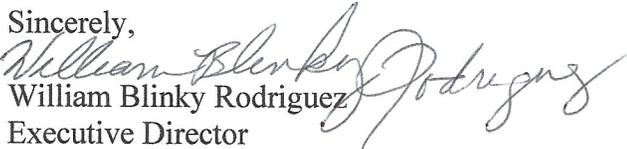
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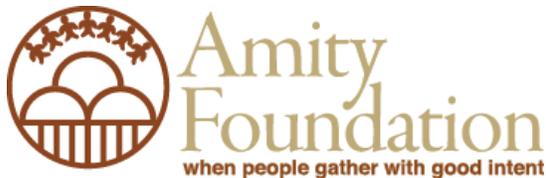
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Executive Director  
Champions In Service

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**Name:** Amity Foundation  
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March 14, 2023

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Sincerely,

Doug Bond  
President & CEO

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Enrique Fernandez

**Date Submitted:** 03/18/2023 01:16 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0026-S1

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# H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation



March 17, 2023

Council File# CF 17-0026-S1 Christian Rodriguez Settlement Dear Chair Price,  
I am writing today to support LA City Councilmember 1st District Hernandez, LA City Councilmember 15th District McOsker, and LA City Councilmember 9th District Price's proposed legislation that will extend the terms of the Christian Rodriguez Settlement and improve the process to identify and assist class members. Unfortunately, the City of Los Angeles has only assisted less than 25% of the 6,000 class members.

Our organization has helped to identify class members or their eligible relatives to receive this valuable resource.

We are asking the city to re-evaluate their strategy and hire organizations who have been working within those street organizations named in the gang settlement, H.E.L.P.E.R Foundation in the Pacific GRYPD among others agencies. They have been doing outreach and gang violence intervention. This gang settlement has brought many individuals that wouldn't had come to our doors another way. They are getting employment experience while we are helping them think about how they can use the benefits to advance in their life. These benefits have also been able to reduce violence,

An extension of the settlement terms will help us work together to identify and assist other class members. I'm in agreement with the Motion set forth to also bring The City must involve and fund partners fluent in gang intervention strategies and services that support those impacted by the gang injunctions and their families, taking the lead on identifying class members and supporting them through the process of service provision. Next, the City must implement necessary changes to the current program by expanding service delivery and resource options. Services and resources provided must include childcare, housing/ rental/ utility assistance, food, and other essential living expenses. Finally, the city must utilize the data provided by those contracted to build on the needed services and resources proven to be effective, while also ensuring provider competency through ongoing training and technical assistance. The City Council authorizes the City Attorney to modify the settlement. If the Motion passes

Sincerely with highest respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Enrique Fernandez'.

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HELPER Foundation Org  
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