

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY and BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Justice Fund pilot program closeout and related actions to establish and implement its successor program RepresentLA.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE, retroactively, the selection of contractors recommended to implement various RepresentLA program components:

RepresentLA Contractor Recommendations

Lead Organization for Program Administration:

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Lead Sub-Contractor to CHIRLA:

Immigrant Defenders (ImmDef) - Removal Defense Representation project management

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) – Affirmative Immigration Benefits Representation project management

Data Collection and Program Evaluation:

University of Southern California - Equity Research Institute (USC ERI)

Detained and Non-Detained Removal Defense Representation:

The Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Immigrant Defenders (ImmDef) Law Center

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Los Angeles

Los Angeles LGBT Center

Public Counsel

TransLatin@ Coalition

University of Southern California (USC) Immigration Clinic

Affirmative Immigration Benefits Representation

Affirmative Asylum – Al Otro Lado

Affirmative Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) – Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Affirmative Labor Trafficking – Thai Community Development Center (CDC)

2. APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), or designee, to negotiate and execute the MOU between the City and the County of Los Angeles, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Office of Immigrant Affairs (DCBA-OIA), to provide immigrant legal services through the RepresentLA Program, a comprehensive initiative that provides free legal representation for individuals in removal proceedings, legal counsel and representation for vulnerable individuals seeking affirmative immigration relief, resource linkage to vital support services, and outreach and education to Los Angeles County residents in underserved communities, for a three-year term effective from the date of execution, with the option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms, and contingent upon the availability of funds, review by the City Attorney as to form, and compliance with City contracting requirements.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), or designee, to transfer a total of \$4 million

from the CAO's General Fund No. 100/10, Account No. 003040 Contractual Services to the CIFD General Fund Programs Fund No. 65P/21, Account No. 21W224 RepresentLA – Los Angeles Justice Fund, for the development and implementation of RepresentLA activities.

4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, CIFD, or designee, upon execution of the MOU, to disburse funds to the DCBA/OIA in the amount of \$4 million to support affirmative immigration relief, community support (education and outreach), and veterans outreach/supportive services in accordance with the terms set forth in the MOU.
5. AUTHORIZE the CAO, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and Council on this matter; AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.
6. INSTRUCT the CAO, CIFD, and other relevant departments, to report in 60 days regarding the status of the community engagement outreach component of the RepresentLA program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the approval of the recommendations above will not result in a General Fund impact. The City's funding commitment of \$4 million was authorized under previous Council determinations during the budget process.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations above comply with the City's Financial Policies in that determination for expenditure of this priority program were made against current revenue sources for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, and were not dependent upon uncertain reserves or fluctuating prior-period cash balances. The disbursement of the funds was contingent upon execution of the MOU between the City and the County.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 17, 2023, your Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability Committee considered a CAO report relative to the Los Angeles Justice Fund pilot program closeout and related actions to establish and implement its successor program RepresentLA. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the CAO recommendations as amended, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on April 10, 2023, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee concurred with the recommendations made previously by the Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability Committee. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION, AGING AND DISABILITY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	YES
HUTT	YES
HERNANDEZ	ABSENT
PRICE	YES
RODRIGUEZ	YES

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PRICE	YES
YAROSLAVSKY	YES
MCOSKER	YES
RODRIGUEZ	YES

ME 4/10/23

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