

REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council File No. 17-0046-S4

Council District: Citywide

To: The Mayor  
The City Council

From:  Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Subject: **OPTIONS TO INCREASE REPRESENTLA FUNDING BY \$1 MILLION**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note and file this report as it is provided for informational purposes only.

### SUMMARY

On June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted a motion (C.F. 17-0046-S4, Jurado – Harris-Dawson) instructing this Office to report on options to increase the City's contribution to the RepresentLA Program by at least \$1 million. The RepresentLA Program is a public-private partnership between the City, the County of Los Angeles, the California Community Foundation, and the Weingart Foundation to provide free legal representation for immigrants facing deportation and immigrants seeking affirmative immigration relief. To date, the City has contributed a cumulative total of \$5 million and an additional \$1 million allocation is included in the 2025-26 Adopted Budget for the program as shown in the table below.

Due to the challenges and delays with program implementation, the City did not allocate funds in 2023-24 as funds were sufficient to continue the program into 2024-25. In 2024-25, the City allocated \$1 million to help fund the program through the end of 2024-25. Due to the City's financial constraints, the 2025-26 Proposed Budget did not include any allocation for RepresentLA. During budget deliberations, the City Council was able to add \$1 million because an offset was identified.

Budget Fiscal Year	Amount
2021-22	\$ 2,000,000
2022-23	2,000,000
2023-24	0
2024-25	1,000,000
2025-26	1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,000,000</b>

In addition to the RepresentLA Program, the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) also provides immigration workshops and services through 19 FamilySource Centers and

has also launched the citywide Know Your Rights campaign to ensure immigrant Angelenos are aware of their legal rights and available resources.

This Office has reviewed other potential funding sources with CIFD but was unable to identify eligible funding sources for the RepresentLA Program. Due to the City's current financial constraints, this Office does not recommend using the General Fund to increase the City's contribution to the RepresentLA Program by \$1 million.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendation to note and file this report will have no General Fund impact.

### **FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT**

The recommendation in this report complies with the City's Financial Policies.

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