

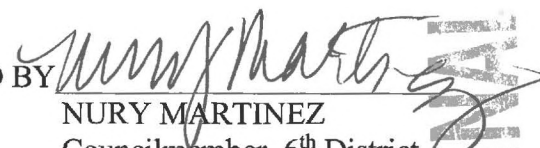
MOTION

Since the inauguration of President Trump, there have been multiple reports of immigrants deciding not to contact local law enforcement to report crimes they have been the victims of or have knowledge of. Immigrants across the country, particularly those without legal status in the United States, are afraid that if they report a crime to their local law enforcement agency, they will be deported. In Los Angeles, the Police Department (LAPD) has noted a significant drop in reports of serious crimes in Latino communities not seen in other communities. This includes fewer reports of particularly heinous crimes such as domestic violence and sexual assault.

No person who is the victim of a crime in the United States should be afraid to come forward and report it. No perpetrator of domestic violence or sexual assault should be able to walk free because their victim is undocumented and afraid of being separated from their loved ones in the U.S. if they report a crime. The LAPD has a policy of not routinely asking about the immigration status of a victim of crime, and LAPD does not enforce federal immigration laws. Despite this, some immigrants are still concerned that if they talk to the police, they will be deported. It would benefit the Council to understand the scope of this problem in immigrant communities across Los Angeles, and to hear what the LAPD's strategy is to mitigate it and ensure that victims of crime feel comfortable reporting it.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) report to the City Council on the number of reported sexual assault and domestic violence crimes in immigrant communities in Los Angeles, and on any issues related to immigrants refusing to report crimes due to fears of deportation. The Department's report should include information on the LAPD's strategy for effectively and compassionately handling these types of cases in immigrant communities.

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