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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/20/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/21/2021

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Council File Number: 19-0742

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: -SEE ATTACHED .PDF FOR FULL CIS- In order to ensure that the youth in this city, including those who are immigrants, are treated humanely and have access to the same universal human rights that all people deserve, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports this motion and efforts to prohibit the construction of private detention centers. [.....] The situation facing immigrant children has become increasingly prevalent. Since 1994, the number of children who are immigrants has increased by over 50%. The Trump Administration practiced a policy of family separation where children were isolated in detention centers. While the Biden Administration ended the policy of family separation, immigrant youth are still being detained in private detention centers. These private detention centers hold 70% of immigrants. By the nature of these prisons being separate from the government, they are significantly more free from oversight than a government facility. As a result, these private facilities have a terrible track record regarding human rights and living conditions, especially for children. Furthermore, these detention centers are private, meaning that they profit off of detentions. Similarly, they are more incentivized to detain people because they can make a profit. These detention centers don't only create an environment of suffering for immigrants, but they also perpetuate a cycle of detention based on profits with children at its center. This Neighborhood Council therefore urges the City Council to adopt this motion to end the construction of private detention inside the city in hopes of providing immigrants, especially immigrant children, with the human rights they deserve.



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [19-0742](#)

Title: Private Detention Centers / Construction and Operation / Zoning Code / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Amendment

Position: Support

Summary:

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Since the turn of the century, ICE arrests, deportations, and child detention have skyrocketed. US federal policy has been historically ineffective at making border crossing more humane. In fact, despite change in administration, the humanitarian crisis has persisted. Asylum seekers are still denied access to the states, children are still being treated poorly, and the use of detention facilities has continued.

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**-APPROVED-**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Yay:16. Nay:0