

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0419

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alex Sanchez, Executive Director for Homies Unidos. We are a Non-Profit Organization working to diminish violence and provide positive alternatives for youth and adults in our immigrant community who are looking to improve their lives. We write in support of Item #33, the initiative focusing on the urgent needs of the immigrant community and our unaccompanied minor population. Homies Unidos, in its 20 years, has advocated for the rights of immigrant at-risk youth throughout the city to improve their quality of life, many of them from Central America. On March 24th, Homies Unidos initiated the Crisis Response Initiative to address the issues of COVID-19. We have partnered with other community-based organizations to distribute food, sanitizers and essential needs to 500 families who have been economically impacted by this virus. We have also provided these essential needs to homeless youth who many are Unaccompanied minors. It is for this reason Homies Unidos supports the Motion introduced on April 7, 2020 for the City of Los Angeles to address gaps in federal financial aid and resources for undocumented people. Families First Coronavirus Response Act and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) do not address the financial needs of undocumented people. We thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to partnering with the city to ensure that the goals of the motion are met. Sincerely, Alex Sanchez Executive Director Phone: 213-383-7484

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*"Believe in the  
Possibility of a World  
without Violence"*

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# homies unidos

Los Angeles, April 19, 2020

Councilwoman Nury Martinez

Councilman Mitch O'Farrell

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Re: In support of Council File 19-0777 Unaccompanied Minors in Los Angeles

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell, and Members:

My name is Alex Sanchez, Executive Director for Homies Unidos. We are a Non-Profit Organization working to diminish violence and provide positive alternatives for youth and adults in our immigrant community who are looking to improve their lives. We write in support of Council File 19-0777, the initiative focusing on the urgent needs of the unaccompanied minor population.

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Sincerely,



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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Lemus

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0419

**Comments for Public Posting:** Item 33- Clinica Romero is in full support of Item #33, motion for COVID-19 Financial aid for undocumented people and families in the City of Los Angeles. Undocumented immigrants have been the hardest hit by this global health emergency. Undocumented immigrants make up 10% of California's workforce, but are ineligible for unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance and federal stimulus support. This motion will address the gaps in federal financial aid for undocumented families, and addresses the need for financial and social services for undocumented and mixed status families.