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Council File No: 20-0761

Comments for Public Posting: To all city council members, please approve and fund the MOST important department within our city of angels: the Civil and Human Rights Department. Be an angel the way we trust to elect you to uphold your promise to take care of our own...be it whatever race, gender, religion, socio-economic or sexual orientation. It is shameful to think it has taken so much time to do the right thing for the people of LA. Our once great city has fallen into rising homelessness, growing numbers of poverty, racial tensions and a pitiful lack of support for our youth and their education. Upward mobility for all is the only way out. Focus on the people, all the people, and I promise you people will bring us back to being great again. The country has spoken. We need and want change. You have the power to do it. "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." MLK Please be reminded of these words as you vote today. It is too long in coming. Please think about justice for all. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: see attached.



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Budget and Finance Committee
200 N Spring Street
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RE: Council File: 20-0761
Civil and Human Rights Department / Ordinance / Establish

Dear Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), I am writing to express our full support for Council File 20-0761, in the Budget and Finance Committee today, to ensure adequate funding for positions in the Department of Civil and Human Rights (DCHR) AND Office of Racial Equity (ORE). Appropriate funding for both is essential to creating a more equitable and just City of Los Angeles.

Founded in 1986 CHIRLA is a California leader, with national impact, made up of diverse immigrant families and individuals who act as agents of social change to achieve a world with freedom of mobility, full human rights, and true participatory democracy, fully inclusive of refugees and immigrants. CHIRLA prides itself in its work to serve the immigrant community through civic engagement, community education, organizing, the provision of legal immigration services, and advocacy at the forefronts of local, state, and federal government.

It is important to note that while the DCHR is critical for the City to address and prosecute ongoing discrimination the ORE is fundamental to proactively

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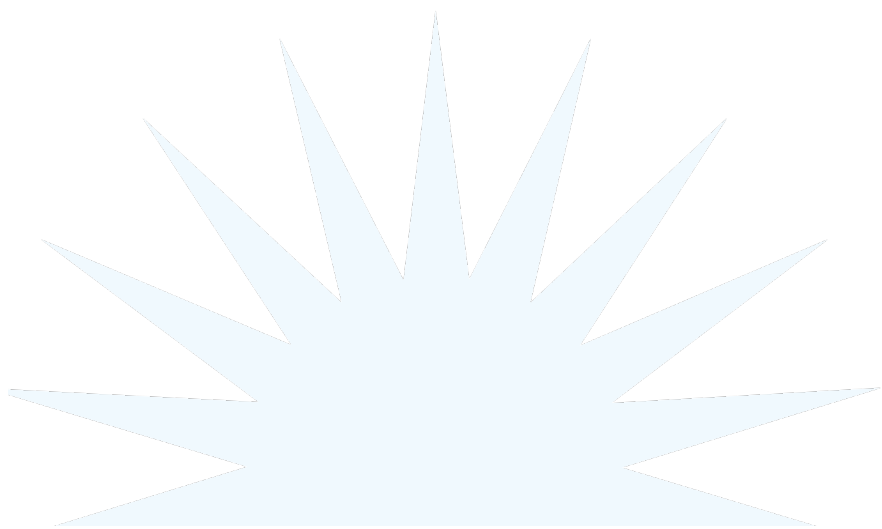
undertake systems change around the City's policies, practices, and culture to help address systemic racism. The DCHR and the ORE each have a distinct purpose and focus on their work. Together, with the resources and funding they each require they will enhance the mission, vision, and most importantly, the impact of the department as a whole.

As you move forward in your decision to fund the DHCR and place the ORE within this department we urge you to ensure it gets the resources, staffing, and leadership power necessary. This will ensure the city as a whole addresses racial inequities proactively via policy, data collection and analysis, technical assistance and training for all city officials and staff on race and racism, civic engagement capacity-building for low-income people of color, and community partnerships. If adequately funded and outlined delegated powers this office has the potential to truly serve the needs of communities of color including immigrant Angelenos.

As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for this item to ensure adequate funding for positions in the Department of Civil and Human Rights (DCHR) AND Office of Racial Equity (ORE). The moment to act is now. We cannot stand by and continue functioning as before when our BIPOC community continues to be the most impacted by disproportionate policies in place.

Respectfully,

Mariana Magana
CHIRLA Policy Advocate



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Name: Matthew Trujillo

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Agenda Item 15. We need the commitment from our City to establish and fully fund the Department of Civil and Human Rights, which includes the Office of Racial Equity within the department. LA has historically faced racial inequities across multiple issues. These inequities did not occur by accident but are the result of policy and practice decisions. Local government has played a role in creating racial disparities in this city and it is time that it establish and fund the Department of Civil and Human Rights and the Office of Racial Equity to play a role in eliminating these disparities. The Department of Civil and Human Rights is critical for the City to address and prosecute ongoing discrimination and the Office of Racial Equity is fundamental to proactively advance systems change around the City's policies, practices, and culture to address systemic racism. The Department of Civil and Human Rights and the Office of Racial Equity have a distinct purpose and focus on their work. Together, with the resources and funding they require, they will enhance the mission, vision, and impact of the department as a whole. I ask that you position the Department of Civil and Human Rights and Office of Racial Equity, within this department, to be successful by providing funding to establish them.

Communication from Public

Name: Abdul Jabbar Sani

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Comments for Public Posting: Related Council File: 18-0086. I urge you to fully fund and support the Civil and Human Rights Department. All efforts calling for justice and respect for minorities need to be met with real and sustainable action. These are challenging times and we must prioritize the ability of this newly established department to do it's job.