

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: June 9, 2023 The Honorable Los Angeles City Council RE: Sanctuary Motion, Council File #23-0243 On behalf of AltaMed Health Services (AltaMed), the largest independent Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in California, we call on you to vote AYE on the Sanctuary Motion, Council File #23-0243. AltaMed provides high-quality culturally and linguistically appropriate care to nearly 500,000 individuals regardless of their immigration status or ability to pay. Immigrants are an integral part of our communities and an essential part of the rich cultural tapestry of Los Angeles. A robust sanctuary policy is a necessary step to creating a more inclusive, multi-racial and multicultural Los Angeles. 4.4 million immigrants reside in the Los Angeles metro area totaling 33 percent of the population. Of those 4.4 million, 2.2 million are potentially at risk of deportation. On behalf of this population, it is time for the City of Los Angeles to reassert its leadership on immigrant rights, and to defy the anti-immigrant bigotry that has defined national immigration policies. Immigrant Angelenos continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. The City can ensure that its resources, property and personnel are not being utilized for any federal immigration enforcement. LA must no longer contribute to or enable the deportation pipeline and separation of families. We respectfully ask that you vote AYE on the Sanctuary Motion, Council File #23-0243. By doing so you will affirm the City's commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Sincerely, Berenice Nuñez Constant Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Civic Engagement

