

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Miranda
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Councilmembers, My name is Wendy Miranda and I am writing to show my unwavering support for the Represent Los Angeles program and requesting a two-year budget allocation of \$1.5 million in FY 24-25 and \$3 million in FY 25-26 to sustain the mission of RepresentLA. As an Angeleno deeply committed to the well-being and inclusivity of immigrant communities in Los Angeles, I believe that continuing the vital work of RepresentLA is imperative. RepresentLA stands as a beacon of hope and support for immigrant Angelenos, providing critical legal services to countless individuals and families since its inception in 2021. RepresentLA has been instrumental in strengthening the safety net for immigrants across the City of Los Angeles by providing legal consultations and representation to thousands of people since 2017. Represent LA also plays a crucial role in uplifting and upholding principles of racial justice by ensuring Black immigrants and other immigrant communities of color are not denied their due process in an inequitable and unjust federal immigrant system. The most recent commitment of \$14 million over a two-year period, jointly funded by the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, the California Community Foundation, and the Weingart Foundation, has been indispensable in ensuring that RepresentLA can fulfill its mission. However, with this funding expected to be depleted by December 2024, it is imperative that we take action to sustain this invaluable program. With the release of the Mayor's budget, we have seen that the RepLA Program has been left out. I strongly request that the RepLA program be included in the budget to ensure a two-year budget allocation of \$1.5 million in FY 24-25 and \$3 million in FY 25-26. The impact of RepresentLA extends far beyond legal consultations and representation; it embodies the values of justice, inclusivity, and compassion that define our city. We are deeply grateful for the City's past support of RepresentLA, and now look to you with an urgent request to ensure that this support continues. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Wendy Miranda

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Name: Lionel Mares

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council and Committee members, My name is Lionel Mares, a board member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and a NC-Budget Advocate. I am writing as an individual to express my interest in the mayor's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. I am disappointed with the proposed budget by the mayor, Karen Bass. The mayor proposed increasing the budget for the LAPD which is costing the city millions of tax dollars in mismanagement and litigation. The LAPD budget is the highest in the city of Los Angeles, while other city departments are understaffed and underfunded, thus impacting city services and delivery. The budget is proposed to cut or eliminate city vacancies in other city departments which will impact other departments and current city employees who are struggling to keep pace with demands from their departments. City services are slow act and respond to the needs of the residents of Los Angeles. I am deeply concerned about the consequences of the budget proposal because it only increases the funding for the Police while decreasing funding for other essential city services and departments. It is wrong! I believe that the city council should reject any increase to the Los Angeles Police Department and to refocus its priorities. We need to hire more civilian employees, increase funding for Neighborhood Councils, City Services and Delivery.
Respectfully, Lionel Mares, MPA