

Communication from Public

Name: Araceli O

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:42 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Estimado comité de presupuesto y finanzas, Soy trabajadora del hogar, les escribo para compartir que aunque los Centros Jornaleros de Los Ángeles están incluidos en el presupuesto propuesto por la Alcalde, no es suficiente para las necesidades de esta comunidad. Pedimos que los siete Centros Jornaleros sean financiados por un total de 3 millones de dólares. Este año pasado ha sido un año muy pesado para todos los Angelinos, pero especialmente la comunidad jornalera como yo, que también afrontó impactos de los incendios y fue específicamente atacada en las redadas de inmigración. Los Centros Jornaleros de Los Ángeles proveen mucho más que conexiones laborales y han comprobado ser centros comunitarios esenciales para trabajadores inmigrantes. ? Los jornaleros estamos en primera línea durante los desastres climáticos y políticos . ? Los centros jornaleros se han convertido en centros para talleres de conocer sus derechos e información, y otorgaron apoyo legal y financiero para familias impactadas ? Este programa conecta cientos de trabajadores anualmente con empleadores, respondiendo a una necesidad crítica para labor flexible en negocios locales y casas Estos centros han sido vitales para la infraestructura comunitaria que apoya movilidad económica e integración. Los fondos adicionales ayudarían a pagar el costo de más personal de apoyo, apoyo legal, seguridad y mejoramientos físicos que estos centros han asumido y no están incluidos en el presupuesto propuesto. Los centros jornaleros ayudan a garantizar que el trabajo se realice de forma segura, que se paguen los salarios adecuados y que tanto trabajadores como empleadores cuenten con un sistema estructurado y digno para comunicarse. Les pido que consideren aumentar los fondos a los centros jornaleros en el presupuesto de este año. Presentado respetuosamente, Araceli O.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Zuniga

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My comment is in support of an increase of funding for Represent LA and the 7 Day Laborer Centers to 3 million each. As the Health Director at IDEPSCA, the community organization that operates 5 of the 7 day laborer centers, I urge you to deepen the investment in day laborer centers that are not only a site of workforce development, but are also Resilience Hubs to low wage workers and the community at large. Much of the preventative work that IDEPSCA does to keep workers informed, healthy and resourced happens at the Day Laborer Centers. In the last 5 years alone, the Day Laborer Centers have not only facilitated jobs, but they have been the resource hubs that have distributed PPE like N95 and P100 respirators during the LA Fires and COVID19, bottled water and shade during heat waves, free Eye exams, free food, and even annual COVID19 vaccines in collaboration with the LA County Department of Public Health. But the truth is that while most of these services are not paid for by the City, we provide them because we are where workers are, where they feel most welcome--at their local Day Laborer Center. But this changed drastically last year with the new Administration that has targeted workers where they feel the safest. The current budget allocation isn't enough to safeguard what we've built through different disasters, including the current political disaster. Increased investment in Day Laborer Centers will help respond to the moment and beyond, where infrastructural changes, legal resources and case management are urgently needed. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding for Day Laborer Centers in this year's budget that will support our local economy and overall public health.

Communication from Public

Name: BAJI

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My name is Maraky with the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) and I am writing to express my strong support for RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers. We urge you to fund RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. As an Angeleno deeply committed to ensuring the rights of immigrant communities in Los Angeles, I believe that continuing the work of RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers is critical. RepresentLA has made significant strides in its mission, serving over 21,000 people since 2022, including survivors of labor trafficking, asylum seekers, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This legal aid program has been key in providing critical legal services to vulnerable and diverse immigrant communities who otherwise would not be represented. The City of Los Angeles has already defended thousands of Angeleno families against family separations through the LA Justice Fund and now Represent LA since 2017, increased funding will only help further this commitment. Day Labor Centers play a vital role in developing the workforce and helping workers assert their rights—through education, outreach, wage recovery support, and legal referrals. Yet despite this essential work, they have increasingly been targeted by immigration enforcement, with more than 20 raids in the past year and over 100 people taken. Under the Trump Administration, federal immigration enforcement raids and activity have heightened fear in immigrant communities, showcasing that it is more critical than ever to expand and strengthen RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. Given this climate, it is imperative that we continue, expand, and solidify RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. As we approach the upcoming fiscal year's budget discussions, I urge you to include \$3 million for RepresentLA and \$3 million for Day Labor Centers in the City's proposed budget for 2026-2027. This is critical to prevent any interruption in the crucial services RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers provide to our most vulnerable immigrant communities at this extremely difficult time for our communities. Your voice as the leader of the City of LA holds powerful influence and respect. I urge you to support funding for the RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. Signed, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)

Communication from Public

Name: Luz Castro

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Luz Castro with Inclusive Action for the City. We are an economic justice organization and Community Development Financial Institution. I am writing to share that while this year, the day labor centers were included in the preliminary budget, it is not enough to cover the growing needs of the community. I ask that all seven locations be funded for a total of 3 million dollars. This past year was a heavy year for all Angelenos, but especially our day laborer community, who also faced many impacts of the wildfires and were then heavily targeted in the large-scale immigration raids. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections and have proven to be essential community hubs for immigrant workers. These centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The additional funding would help support the cost of the additional case management, legal, security, and infrastructure work these centers have taken on that cannot be covered with the current budget allocation. Day Labor Centers help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecilia Mendoza

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Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Perez Valencia

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am reaching out to share that while this year, the day labor centers were included in the preliminary budget, it is not enough to cover the growing needs of the community. We ask that all seven locations be funded for a total of 3 million dollars. This past year was a heavy year for all Angelenos, but especially our day laborer community, who also faced many impacts of the wildfires and were then heavily targeted in the large-scale immigration raids. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections and have proven to be essential community hubs for immigrant workers ? Day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters ? Day labor centers have become hubs for know your rights training and information, and sourced legal and financial support for impacted families ? This program connects hundreds of workers annually with employers, filling a critical need for flexible labor in local businesses and households. These centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The additional funding would help support the cost of the additional case management, legal, security, and infrastructure work these centers have taken on that cannot be covered with the current budget allocation. Day Labor Centers help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget. Respectfully submitted, Jacqueline Perez Valencia; Economic Justice Manager, ORALE