

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Democratic Socialists of America – Los Angeles chapter condemn Mayor Bass’ nomination of former sheriff Jim McDonnell for LAPD Chief. Los Angeles, CA (October 28, 2024) – The Democratic Socialists of America – Los Angeles chapter (DSA–LA) condemns the nomination of former Sheriff Jim McDonnell to Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department and urges the Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to reject and withdraw the nomination. As Los Angeles County Sheriff from 2014 to 2018, McDonnell advanced and embraced anti-immigrant policies and actively colluded with former President Trump’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), directly harming thousands of Angelenos. Modern Los Angeles is a city that proudly embraces and protects immigrants, documented and undocumented, a sentiment that Mayor Bass expressed when radical anti-immigrant politician Governor Greg Abbott bussed immigrants from Texas to Los Angeles last summer. Since then, radical anti-immigrant rhetoric has only grown bolder among the far-right Republican Party, with GOP nominee Donald Trump using eliminationist rhetoric to discuss immigrants in the United States. Mayor Bass must not appoint to the Los Angeles Police Department a Chief whose decades-long career indicates he will collude with the far-right to oppress, terrorize, and deport our neighbors. Prior to his election to County Sheriff, McDonnell served as second-in-command to Police Chief Bill Bratton, who popularized the “broken windows” theory of policing, a harmful methodology that intensifies racial and class biases in policing. As sheriff, McDonnell’s active collusion with ICE went above and beyond the legal requirements of his position, going out of his way to use county funding to transfer County residents and databases to ICE. He rejected policy efforts to protect Californian immigrants during his tenure and continued to do so under the radically anti-immigrant Trump presidency. Further, as Black Lives Matter L.A. points out, under Sheriff McDonnell, the power of deputies' unlawful and murderous gangs grew, and the horrific conditions at the County Jail worsened. Sheriff McDonnell’s failure to curb his department's abuses was protested by DSA Los Angeles and many of our pro-immigrant allies in 2017 and 2018, and his failure to modify his racist and anti-immigrant policies paved the way for his corrupt, violent, and

gang-enabling successor Alex Villanueva. We urge Mayor Bass to withdraw McDonnell's nomination. Should she fail to do so, we urge the members of Los Angeles City Council to reject Jim McDonnell's nomination and to take all available steps to prevent his policies from harming Angelenos. Finally, we invite concerned residents of Los Angeles County to attend upcoming City Council meetings to oppose Sheriff McDonnell's appointment, beginning with the Council Public Safety meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, October 29th at 3:30 pm. # # # About DSA

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Nina. 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. As LA Sheriff, Jim McDonnell refused to stop the policy of responding to most ICE detainers, gave ICE an office in the county jail, and implemented a 287g agreement (which deputized law enforcement to act as immigration agents) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). During his tenure as Sheriff from November 2014 to 2018, Jim McDonnell oversaw the transfer of thousands of Angelenos to ICE, separating parents from their children and tearing apart families and communities across L.A. County. 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 by passing a Sanctuary Ordinance. L.A. must no longer contribute to the separation of thousands of Angeleno families. The Sanctuary Ordinance would make Los Angeles a true “sanctuary city,” completely prohibiting ICE transfers, as LA County did in September 2020. I respectfully urge you to enshrine immigrant protections into law and move forward with the Sanctuary Ordinance immediately. By doing so you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you. Nina

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Miranda

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carie Martin

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Carie Martin. I am a Law Fellow with Public Counsel and a member of the National Lawyers Guild—Los Angeles' Immigration Committee Steering Committee. I also organize with the Sanctuary Coalition. My work focuses on racial and economic justice and helping make LA a place where all its residents can live healthy, vibrant lives. 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. As LA Sheriff, Jim McDonnell refused to stop the policy of responding to most ICE detainers, gave ICE an office in the county jail, and implemented a 287g agreement (which deputized law enforcement to act as immigration agents) with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). During his tenure as Sheriff from November 2014 to 2018, Jim McDonnell oversaw the transfer of thousands of Angelenos to ICE, separating parents from their children and tearing apart families and communities across L.A. County. Immigrant Angelenos are vital members of our community who continue to face attacks from the federal immigration system. The City can ensure that its resources, property, and personnel are not utilized for federal immigration enforcement by passing a Sanctuary Ordinance. L.A. must no longer contribute to the separation of thousands of Angeleno families or the criminalization and scapegoating of people for a political agenda. The Sanctuary Ordinance would make Los Angeles a true “sanctuary city,” prohibiting ICE transfers, as LA County did in September 2020. I respectfully urge you to enshrine immigrant protections into law and move forward with the Sanctuary Ordinance immediately. By doing so, you will affirm the City’s commitment to racial and economic justice and to protecting and defending immigrants. Thank you.  
Carie Martin