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Dear Council Members,

My name is Luis Lopez, and I reside in District 1, but I post this comment representing Alliance for a Better Community, a Latina/o-led advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring all Latina and Latino families in LA County can thrive. At ABC, we know that at least 484,000 LA residents are part of mixed-status households, and ensuring their safety and wellbeing is essential to a thriving community.

We urge the city council to affirm LA as a true sanctuary city by passing the Sanctuary Ordinance so that every Latina/o, regardless of immigration status, can feel safe and protected. When Latina/os feel secure, they are more likely to fully participate in our communities and contribute positively to our city's economy and be civically engaged.

ABC also calls for greater collaboration between the LAPD, the City of LA, and local community-based organizations. By working together, we can foster an approach to public safety that does not criminalize our Latina/o communities but instead prioritizes their health, safety, and sense of belonging.

The climate and rhetoric in the media and our communities are shifting toward values that do not align with those of LA, including a "good vs bad immigrants" narrative. So today I urge you to enshrine the strongest possible immigrant protections into law by advancing and passing the Sanctuary Ordinance as quickly as possible.

Thank you.