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In late August 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security reported over 5,000 arrests in Los Angeles since June, when the federal government ramped up immigration enforcement operations in the region. Federal authorities have engaged in unprecedented tactics in their enforcement activity in recent months, including the use of face coverings and unmarked vehicles, and a lack of identification or judicial warrants. There have been multiple reports of civil and constitutional rights violations, discrimination, and the use of excessive force by federal agents during enforcement actions, which has sown fear, confusion, and frustration in local communities. Protecting the civil rights of individuals requires holding immigration authorities accountable for their actions.

Immigrant advocates and immigration legal service providers have relied on the work and support of rapid response networks to collect reports of sightings, personal testimony, eyewitness accounts, and information of detained individuals to corroborate the number and identities of individuals who have been detained. Videos and interviews collected by rapid response networks have spread awareness within communities and assisted with mounting lawsuits against the federal government for their unlawful actions during immigration raids. Immigrant advocates have called upon community members to continue to safely document any immigration enforcement activities and submit information to rapid response networks to support efforts to hold the federal government accountable.

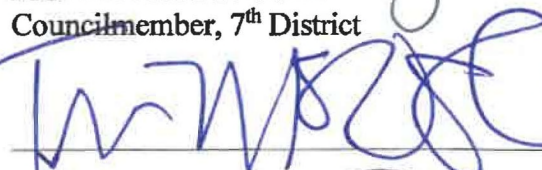

As the federal government increases funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and threatens increased enforcement activity in cities and the region, the City must be intentional in coordinating efforts and resources to support rapid response networks and the immigrant community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Community Investment for Families Department, to report in 30 days on the feasibility of establishing an online intake system to collect personal testimony, written or recorded, from impacted individuals or witnesses of federal immigration enforcement actions in the City, to potentially be used in court actions in response to violations of civil and constitutional rights and temporary restraining orders.

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