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Over the past several months, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement actions have created significant fear and uncertainty in immigrant-rich communities across Los Angeles. These actions have rippled beyond individual households, directly impacting small businesses that rely on consistent foot traffic, neighborhood commerce, and consumer confidence to remain viable.

Testimonials from affected communities indicate that residents are avoiding commercial corridors, limiting shopping and dining, and staying home out of concern for their safety. As a result, many small businesses are experiencing reduced sales, lost revenue, and workforce disruptions, placing additional strain on already vulnerable local economies.

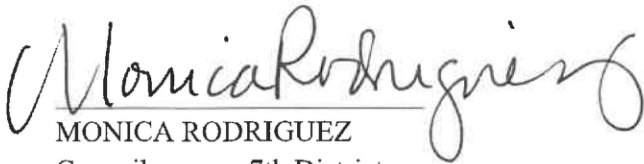
Small businesses are essential to the economic stability of Los Angeles neighborhoods. They provide jobs, generate tax revenue, and serve as cultural and social anchors within communities. When fear suppresses everyday economic activity, the consequences extend beyond individual businesses and can destabilize entire local economies.

The City has a responsibility to understand the economic impacts of these disruptions and to explore timely, targeted strategies to support small businesses and preserve neighborhood economic health. The newly formed Community Investment for Families Department is uniquely positioned to evaluate potential interventions, assess economic impacts, and develop strategies that help stabilize and strengthen affected commercial corridors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council DIRECT the Community Investment for Families Department and the Economic Workforce and Development Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, to report back within 30 days on providing short-term targeted assistance, including financial support to small businesses negatively impacted by recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement actions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council DIRECT the Community Investment for Families Department and the Economic Workforce and Development Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, to report back within 60 days on the economic impacts of reduced consumer activity associated with these actions, including effects on small business revenue, employment, and neighborhood-level economic activity; and a strategic economic development plan to support affected commercial corridors, restore consumer confidence, and help small businesses recover and remain resilient.

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