

November 21, 2016

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Members of the City Council, and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The election of Donald Trump—an openly racist, nativist demagogue who climbed to victory, in large part, by stoking fear and hatred of immigrants—poses a grave dilemma for the City and County of Los Angeles. As our elected officials, you now have two choices. You can stand by as fear and hatred of immigrants are normalized and our community members are rounded up and torn from their homes and their families. Or you can defend our city and county—home to one of the largest populations of immigrants, both documented and undocumented, in the country—as a place that values and protects all its members, regardless of race, nationality, religion, or immigration status.

We are here today to demand that you take the latter path. But abstract statements and vague promises will not be enough to confront the threat we now face. Instead, we demand that you take concrete steps to protect our city and our communities, beginning by ensuring that the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department do not become an arm in Mr. Trump's deportation force. To that end, we demand that you immediately:

- 1) Create a Commission, including representation from affected community members, to update the antiquated Special Order 40 and the LAPD Policy Manual so that it draws a bright line between police and immigration functions;
- 2) Adopt and implement formal policies for LAPD and LASD to cease engaging with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (including Homeland Security Investigations and Enforcement and Removal Operations) in any joint operations;
- 3) Establish as a matter of policy that LAPD and LASD shall refuse to permit any collateral arrests for immigration enforcement purposes in connection with operations in which LAPD and/or LASD are associated;
- 4) Re-affirm that LAPD and LASD shall not detain anyone for civil immigration violations, including pursuant to immigration detainer requests from ICE;
- 5) Direct LAPD and LASD to adopt written policies of declining ICE notification requests and requiring ICE to produce a criminal warrant prior to entering LAPD and/or LASD facilities;
- 6) Issue a formal request to the Obama administration that fingerprints taken by LAPD and/or LASD during booking be used only for criminal background checks and no other purposes, including civil immigration enforcement;
- 7) Commit County and City funding to establish a program to provide universal legal representation for immigrants in deportation proceedings;

- 8) Cease issuing citations or taking other enforcement actions against street vendors while the City Council is considering plans to legalize street vending; pardon past tickets, fines and fees, and/or offenses for sidewalk vending; and create an inclusive, citywide permit program that legalizes sidewalk vending and promotes economic opportunity for all;
- 9) Re-affirm the City and County's commitment to enforce wage theft and labor violations regardless of immigration status;
- 10) Commit that no local authority shall request information about or otherwise investigate the immigration status of any person;
- 11) Establish an oversight mechanism to monitor the enforcement actions taken by ICE in Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County;
- 12) Commit to fight any effort to strip federal funding in response to City or County policies defending and protecting immigrants;
- 13) Oppose any registry based on religious identity or national origin; and
- 14) Publicly affirm the commitment of the City and the County to maintaining each and every one of the above policies in the face of any threats from President-elect Trump, including threats to withdraw federal funding.

We request that you respond, in writing, to this letter by no later than December 1. Please respond c/o National Day Laborer Organizing Network, 674 South Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles. We also request an in-person meeting before that date to discuss our concerns in more detail.

If we are to preserve Los Angeles as a diverse, welcoming city in which the civil and human rights of all residents are respected, we have no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT-LA)

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California

Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ) - Los Angeles

California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC)

California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance (CIYJA)

Central American Resource Center (Carecen)

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

Coalition for Humane Immigrants Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter
Dream Team LA
East LA Community Corporation (ELACC)
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Youth Coalition (IYC)
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)
Los Angeles Federation of Labor (LA Fed)
LA Street Vendor Campaign
LA Voice
National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)
National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
National Lawyers Guild (NLG) – Los Angeles
People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER)
Public Counsel
SEIU United Service Workers West (USWW)
Southeast Asian Community Alliance
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)
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