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Summary: Members of our community have been adversely affected by the presence of ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) officers in our neighborhoods, as highlighted by the February 28th detention of a local father, Romulo Avelica-Gonzalez, as he was taking his children to school in Lincoln Heights. We believe that our city's leaders need to be proactive and forward-thinking in advocating for policies that support and ensure the safety of all community members, regardless of immigration status. LHNC appreciates that the City Council has made an effort to directly address issues pertaining to our immigrant communities by creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs and that our own Councilmembers, Gil Cedillo and Jose Huizar have participated in supporting immigrant communities through their involvement with this committee. As such, we would like to provide recommendations for actions that the council and city leaders can take to protect our immigrant communities' human rights, and in turn, protect our families, children, and the fabric of our communities.



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April 20, 2017

Honorable City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 16-1320 regarding LA as a Sanctuary City.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council favors the proposal because:

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1. Declare Los Angeles a sanctuary city. Following the example of Santa Ana, CA, officially declaring Los Angeles to be a sanctuary city would send a clear message that would reverberate through California and beyond that this city welcomes and believes adamantly in the safety and human rights of all inhabitants, regardless of immigration status.
2. Develop an ordinance to assure that Mayor Garcetti's Executive Directive 20 is properly enforced. While the directive does symbolize progress, it is not an ordinance, and therefore leaves room for rogue individuals to ignore the directive and act in their own interest.
3. Address vulnerabilities in Mayor Garcetti's Executive Directive 20. The confidentiality measures included may still allow for the transmission of information from law enforcement to federal immigration authorities. Additionally, the directive does not address prisoner transfer between law enforcement to

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immigration authorities, which could result in collateral arrest of undocumented residents who are not suspected of or involved in serious crimes.

4. Ensure that undocumented immigrants facing deportation remain entitled to legal representation and due process of the law, without exception. To assure that immigrants facing deportation have access to legal counsel is to assure that the human rights and 4th amendment rights of these individuals and their families are honored and upheld. An example of success elsewhere in this arena can be found in the New York City council's "New York Immigrant Family Unit Program," in which not only did the number of deportations decrease, but also the amount of money spent detaining and deporting immigrants was reduced by upholding immigrants' right to due process and allowing them access to legal counsel. Keeping families together means that our communities remain strong and our kids continue to have the support they need in their formative years. Assurance should also be provided that those individuals who are detained receive fair and humane treatment including medical care, visitation rights, and nutritious food.

5. Ensure that people of color are not subject to increased policing or profiling. Measures must be taken to ensure that people of color are not subject to increased policing or profiling. Although LAPD Special Order 40 has been in effect since 1979, city leaders must assure that law enforcement does not choose to act in a way that is discriminatory.

It is our hope that the council will consider these recommendations. We must take every step possible to ensure the safety and well-being of all of the individuals in our community, regardless of immigration status.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on April 20, 2017, when the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of 13 yes, 1 no, 5 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: "The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to not adopt the *Motion relative to online voting and Improve Experience for Neighborhood Councils*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar Rosas", written in a cursive style.

Cesar Rosas, President

, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council