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Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council



City Council File:18-0002-S89

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Community Impact Statement in support of Council File:18-0002-S89 a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor to support legislation to abolish ICE (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

WHEREAS, as a result of the hostile rhetoric towards the immigrant community in the United States and increasingly aggressive enforcement actions of ICE, there have been calls for the elimination of ICE by members of Congress and activists.

While we respect law and order, we are concerned by the hostile rhetoric towards the immigrant community in the United States and the increasingly aggressive enforcement actions of ICE on the undocumented immigrant community. ICE has continued to enforce federal law through invasive and immoral practices, including using false warrants and the targeting of individuals as they exit hospitals, courts, or drop their children off at school. Recent raids in Mississippi left 300 families without parents and without the knowledge or help of local social services.

Within the geographic bounds represented by the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, these actions have resulted in fear and anxiety within our immigrant community, preventing families from conducting their daily affairs for fear of deportation, endangering the livelihood and safety of entire communities. Many undocumented immigrants belong to mixed status families. In some cases, their children are US citizens who fear their parents' deportation will not only break up families but damage children forced into the overburdened Foster Care system.

While we cannot know the true numbers of our undocumented stakeholders, statistics tell us that 1 in 7 Asian immigrants are undocumented. About 14% of immigrants in California are undocumented. LA County has over one million undocumented residents and many of our friends and neighbors are in that population. Our neighborhoods would collapse without these immigrants. They contribute both financially and culturally to our vibrant community. Statistics also show that undocumented

immigrants have lower crime rates compared to the rest of the immigrant population, and compared to the native born American population.

There has been an increase in dangerous rhetoric equating immigrants to criminals or animals. Recently in El Paso, TX there was a mass shooting by a white supremacist targeting the “Hispanic Invasion of America”. ICE has been accused of implementation of discriminatory enforcement practices including the targeting of individuals based on perceived national origin and/or foreign language usage. There are accounts of US Citizens swept up in raids and sent to detention centers. Many detention centers are for-profit prisons charging taxpayers over \$700 a day per person and keep the people in inhumane and dangerous conditions. ICE is funneling anyone they catch into these for-profit sites.

The former acting director of ICE, Thomas Homan, testified before Congress that increased enforcement actions were aimed at making unauthorized immigrants feel uncomfortable, worried, and like they should look over their shoulders; and

WHEREAS, the status quo of intimidation and persecution facing unauthorized immigrants in Los Angeles, and WCKNC is unacceptable; and any agency which endangers the well-being and human rights of any individual contradicts the principles of our government and should be abolished, pending increased accountability and enforcement that is wholly in accordance with the law.

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council resolves to support City Council File:18-0002-S89 by submitting this community impact statement and communicating our support on this position to eliminate the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Respectfully,

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council