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Sustaining and Expanding RepresentLA

RepresentLA is a program created by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that provides due process and a fighting chance to prevent deportation. Since launching in April 2022, RepresentLA has provided full-scope and other valuable legal services to over 10,000 individuals. RepresentLA's removal defense pillar has provided representation in court to 649 individuals, while the affirmative representation pillar has provided legal representation to over 1,100 individuals.

The Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCBA) recommended an ongoing annual County investment of at least \$5.5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 to sustain RepresentLA at the current service level, in addition to the \$1 million provided by the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, these figures are no longer an adequate representation of what immigrant communities in the County of Los Angeles (County) are facing with the surge of aggressive immigration detentions being conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

Starting Friday, June 6th, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began conducting intense immigration enforcement in Los Angeles County. ICE agents, supported by other DHS branches, have taken large numbers of individuals from their

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homes and an array of workplaces, public streets, parking lots, and other locations. In an unprecedented show of force, the federal government has also deployed 4,000 California National Guard personnel and hundreds of U.S. Marines against the wishes of the California Governor to protect federal buildings and aid in immigration raids. The raids conducted by federal agents, often in unmarked vehicles, without visible badges, in regular street clothes and masked faces have detained people indiscriminately, at times even taking U.S. citizens. This includes numerous reported instances of individuals questioned and detained without a judicial warrant and without reasonable suspicion. Community-based Rapid response teams and RepresentLA have been doing all they can to keep up with the increased number of arrests and getting information about individuals who can benefit from the RepresentLA services.

These aggressive immigration enforcement actions are expected to continue and as such the number of individuals who will need RepresentLA services is also expected to grow. Additionally, the traditional methods of RepresentLA providing support through the legal system may need to be adjusted and expanded given ICE's current disregard for due process rights and protections. Our communities, especially our immigrant and mixed status households are currently in fear of what may occur to them at any time. These circumstances have already had a deep impact on local businesses and the county's ability to provide for the health and welfare of its residents. Therefore, it is imperative that we support our most vulnerable County residents and work with all available partners to protect their rights.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with the following:

1. An overview of the funding allocations and sources for the RepresentLA program;
2. A description and breakdown of the programs, organizations, clients served, and types of supportive services that are funded by RepresentLA;
3. An analysis and recommendations of ways RepresentLA could adjust and adapt to meet the pressing and urgent needs of LA County's immigrant community given the violence and intensity of the recent federal raids and the bypassing of traditional legal processes;
4. An assessment of funding needs to both sustain the Represent LA program in the future and potentially expand it to meet the current immigration enforcement crisis in LA County; and
5. A plan to re-engage with philanthropy to explore the use of philanthropic donations and/or grants to fund Represent LA, in partnership with the Chief Executive Office's Center for Strategic Partnership.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to report back to the Board during the Supplemental Budget phase with potential funding sources to sustain and expand the Represent LA program, including, but not limited to, considering supporting the Office of Immigrant Affairs' application to use Care First Community Investment funds, and philanthropic investments.

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