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Reallocating the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA)
Provisional Financing Unit (PFU) Funds to Support Mobile Immigrant Services
Program

In 2023, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1.3 million to the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) to prepare for the possibility that another state would send a bus of immigrants to unincorporated Los Angeles County. Although several buses arrived to Union Station in the City of Los Angeles, no bus ever arrived to unincorporated Los Angeles County (County) and the funds remain unspent.

Today, the immigration policy landscape is very different than it was in 2023. The federal government continues to increase the reach and scope of immigration enforcement, putting many of our families at risk of separation and economic hardship. As a result, the Board of Supervisors has taken several actions to respond to the federal government’s intensified immigration enforcement. However, funding for these initiatives remains limited.

Additionally, the aggressive federal immigration enforcement actions continue to collide with the County’s homelessness emergency. Many immigrant families are

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suddenly losing loved ones to detention or deportation—often the primary income earners in their households. Without that income, families are left unable to pay rent or meet basic needs, which pushes them into homelessness or puts them at immediate risk of losing their housing.

To meet the growing crisis, OIA created the Mobile Immigrant Services Program, which brings wraparound free support services—legal support, benefits enrollment, case management, etc.—directly to immigrant families. The program’s cohort of service providers reaches those who are unhoused as well as families too fearful of leaving their homes because of heightened immigration enforcement.

This mobile model has quickly become one of the most critical tools OIA has for reaching families in real time, wherever they are, with the help they need. But there is a serious challenge ahead: funding for the program will run out in March 2026, a time when demand for these services is expected to surge, as the federal government moves forward with what it has described as the “greatest mass deportation” undertaking in the nation’s history.

Without continued investment, thousands of vulnerable immigrant and mixed-status families could be cut off from vital support at the exact moment they need it most. OIA urgently requires additional resources to keep the mobile immigrant services running beyond March. Without the service, families who are already living on the edge—facing homelessness, job loss, and the trauma of deportation—will be left

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without this critical safety net, as these mobile support services are often their only direct link to legal help, housing support, case management, and in-language guidance. Reallocating the \$1.3 million to support the Mobile Immigrant Services Program will help preserve this critical lifeline for these vulnerable residents.

In addition to the Mobile Immigrant Services Program, there are also several existing County initiatives that are critical for supporting the County's immigrant communities. Over the last two years, the Board of Supervisors has made important investments to strengthen language access, including adopting a Countywide Language Access Policy. These steps have already made it easier for immigrants to reach the services they need. The Board has also directed OIA to launch a cash aid program for families facing financial instability due to immigration raids. When a parent or other breadwinner is detained or deported, families can suddenly lose their entire source of income overnight. Emergency cash aid can mean the difference between a family staying in their home or being pushed into homelessness.

DCBA has identified funding to retain support for Language Access implementation and to raise funds for the cash aid program. Given the urgency of the moment, it is critical for DCBA to have the authority to move these funds quickly to support these three important initiatives.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to re-allocate DCBA's \$1.3M PFU allocation to DCBA's operating budget to

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support OIA's mobile immigration support services and related efforts.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, or their designee, to apply for grants, engage in fundraising efforts, and to negotiate, execute, and amend (as necessary) agreements to implement and advance mobile immigration services, emergency financial assistance, and language access support. The Board shall waive the requirements of Board Policy No. 5.100 for these agreements. These agreements and any amendment(s) shall be approved as to form by County Counsel.

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