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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
13.	61	Favor	Ann Dorsey	
			Erika Cervantes	On behalf of Alliance for a Better Community (ABC), I am writing to express strong support for the motion to adopt an ordinance that prohibits law enforcement officers from concealing their identities while operating in Los Angeles County unincorporated areas. This action is timely and needed as immigrant families in the County continue to face fear and instability due to ongoing federal actions.
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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple St.
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Subject: Support for Agenda Item re: Implementing a County Ordinance Prohibiting Law Enforcement Officers from Concealing Their Identities in Los Angeles County Unincorporated Areas

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of [Alliance for a Better Community \(ABC\)](#), I am writing to express strong support for the motion to adopt an ordinance that prohibits law enforcement officers from concealing their identities while operating in Los Angeles County unincorporated areas. This action is timely and needed as immigrant families in the County continue to face fear and instability due to ongoing federal actions.

Since early June, Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids have brought violent and indiscriminate enforcement to neighborhoods across the County. Thousands of residents, including people with long-standing ties to the United States and many who are pursuing lawful status, have been detained without due process or the chance to seek legal relief. The use of plainclothes, tactical gear, and face coverings has created confusion and distress, leaving families unsure whether the people approaching them are law enforcement officers or individuals posing as such.

Los Angeles County is home to nearly 4.8 to 4.9 million residents of Latina/o origin, making up roughly 48 percent of the County's population. Among these Latina/o residents are large numbers of Spanish-speakers, families with children, mixed-status households, immigrants pursuing legal status, and U.S. citizens. In this context, recent enforcement raids directed by federal authorities have targeted individuals based on visual or linguistic cues, rather than individualized suspicion of wrongdoing. Under a recent decision by the Supreme Court, law enforcement agents in Southern California may now legally stop, question, and detain individuals based solely on appearance, perceived ethnicity or language, occupation or location — criteria that disproportionately target Latina/o communities.

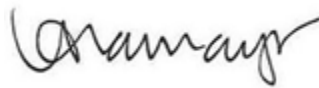
This means many thousands of Latina/o residents — whether undocumented, lawfully present, or citizens — now live in an environment where their every movement, language, or

appearance can be assumed to signal immigration status. The risk of wrongful detentions, family separation, job and housing loss, and community terror is not limited to a few. It affects virtually all Latina/o individuals in the County.

By requiring that all law enforcement officers operating in unincorporated Los Angeles County clearly display visible identification and agency affiliation, and prohibiting masks or disguises in all but narrowly defined exceptions, the proposed ordinance would offer critical protections. It would reduce ambiguity for residents who encounter officers during enforcement actions. It would help rebuild public trust. It would send a clear message that the County values transparency, due process, and the dignity of all residents — regardless of immigration status or language.

For more than two decades, ABC has worked to advance social, economic, and racial equity and justice for the Latina/o community in Los Angeles. We know how essential safe, trustworthy, and accessible public institutions are to community wellbeing. This ordinance would be an important step to safeguard those institutions in this moment of heightened fear and uncertainty.

We urge the Board to approve the ordinance without delay. ABC stands ready to support its implementation and to continue our work to protect and uplift our communities. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Aramayo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Vanessa Aramayo
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