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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Immigrants are Los Angeles Supplemental Budget Urgent Needs Request Letter for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Dear Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Office,

Immigrants Are LA (IRLA) respectfully urges the LA County Board of Supervisors and the CEO to increase its investments in immigrant communities and consider the following budget and policy requests for incorporation in the 2026-2027 County Budget during the Supplemental Budget process. These urgent needs reflect the priorities of over 100 community-based organizations and they remain insufficiently addressed in the approved budget. We urge the County to continue working with IRLA and our coalition partners to ensure that these critical investments are meaningfully addressed before the Supplemental Budget is adopted.

Over the past several months, IRLA has engaged extensively with the Board of Supervisors and County Departments to elevate the experiences, concerns and priorities of immigrant communities. We met numerous times with the Board of Supervisors and County staff, attended board meetings, submitted more that 350+ public comments, and supported community members in sharing their stories directly with County decision makers. Our communities have made a deliberate choice to engage because they believe their voice and experiences should shape policies and investments that affect their lives. Yet, despite this sustained engagement, immigrant communities remain inadequately represented in the County's current budget priorities.

We therefore, once again, urge the Board and CEO to consider the following requests to be incorporated into the 2026-2027 County Budget:

HOUSING: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS

The increase in federal enforcement in LA County continues to raise alarms as the socioeconomic conditions of immigrant families continue to decline as a direct result of enforcement. Immigrant communities throughout the entire County, from Lancaster to Pomona to South LA and the San Fernando Valley, have been terrorized by DHS operations. As a result, thousands of County residents have either been arrested, deported, and or have had to stay indoors to protect themselves from being kidnapped.

At the national level, the number of individuals held in immigration detention skyrocketed from 40,000 individuals to 66,000 in just 10 months[1]. Furthermore, within just two weeks of the ICE raids in June

[1] Camilo Montoya-Galvez, ICE's Detainee Population Reaches 66,000, a New Record High, Statistics Show, CBS NEWS (Nov. 6, 2025), https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ices-detainee-population-reaches-66000-a-newrecord-high-statistics-show/

2025, $3.16 million in revenue was lost in LA County[2]. Beyond the immediate economic impacts, increased enforcement continues to result in a crippling fear for many immigrant families. Angelenos fear to go to work, attend school, or even to attend their immigration appointments. The UCLA Latino Policy Institute in collaboration with Inclusive Action for the City reported an economic shock as a result of the raids with the following findings[3]:

- Every participating small business owner reported fewer customers and fewer sales.
- **59% reported revenue declines exceeding 50%**, while another 20% reported declines between 26% and 50%.
- **68% temporarily closed** or reduced their operating hours.
- **51% reported staff missing work** due to fear of enforcement.
- Nearly one year later, **95% continued to report financial stress**.
- 52% said revenue no longer consistently covers operating costs, while another **43% reported breaking even with little or no profit**.

The resulting financial strains on County residents have continued to grow, with many immigrants and their families now facing eviction or severely struggling to pay rent. IRLA urges the County to consider the following to ensure that immigrant communities remain housed:

Policy Requests:

Establish a Rent Increase Freeze
Similar to the tenant protections that were issued during the COVID-19 pandemic, IRLA is calling for a rent increase freeze across Los Angeles County (for rent stabilized units and mobile home spaces in unincorporated areas)— including new pass-throughs or charges for 1 year, which are additional costs from the landlord applies to the tenant. A rent increase freeze would prevent sudden rent hikes that push immigrant families out of their homes.

Establish a Permanent Emergency Rent Relief Program that is tenant focused. In September 2025, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved over $20 million in rent relief for those facing financial hardship. The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) was tasked with implementing this Emergency Rent Relief Program (ERRP) to provide financial assistance to qualifying property owners and tenants impacted by recent emergencies, including wildfires and increasing federal enforcement.

ERRP's current program guidelines prioritizes small landlords with four or fewer rental units, helping them mitigate significant financial hardships while also reducing the number of tenants being evicted in the county due to unpaid rent. However, as the County continues to work on solutions for housing, it is crucial that ERRP is not only a permanent funding stream, but is accessible directly for tenants without the landlord's participation being a requirement for eligibility in the program.

Research shows that preventing homelessness is more cost-effective than re-housing individuals once they become homeless. Despite the creation of ERRP, many families still cannot pay rent or

[2]Helen Jeong, *LA Businesses Near ICE Raid Sites Lose Over $3M During 2-Week Period in June 2025, a Study Says*, NBC LOS ANGELES (July 22, 2026), https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/ucla-immigration-enforcement-activity-raid-sites-financial-impact/3920515/. (nbclosangeles.com)
[3] Latino Policy and Politics Institute, *Immigration Enforcement Surge Triggered Immediate and Lasting Economic Disruption Across Los Angeles County's Latino Business Corridors*, UCLA LATINO POLICY & POLITICS INST. (July 22, 2026), https://latino.ucla.edu/press/immigration-enforcement-small-businesses-los-angeles/

or forgo basic necessities to keep a roof above their heads. Immigrant families need budgetary solutions that invests and prioritizes immigrant families at risk. Keeping people housed is not only a compassionate choice but also a practical and fiscally responsible approach.

Budget Request:

Direct the Chief Executive Office to Identify Funding to Establish a Permanent, Tenant-Based Emergency Rent Relief Program.

IRLA urges the board to direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to expand efforts to diversify and increase funding to establish a permanent Emergency Rent Relief Program (ERRP). This includes, identifying funding through the Los Angeles Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA), philanthropic sources, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF).

BUILDING A SOCIAL SAFETY NET FOR IMMIGRANTS: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS

Since we first proposed this proposal, the urgency of providing a financial safety net for immigrant seniors has grown. Ongoing federal immigration enforcement actions have directly targeted communities of color, particularly immigrants that work in outdoor industries such as landscapers, street vendors, and day laborers. Many of the community members impacted by DHS are older adults who continue working because they have no other means of supporting themselves and their families. For seniors who are excluded from Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ State Supplementary Payment (SSP) and other federal and state cash assistance programs, there are few alternatives when enforcement actions result in lost employment and reduced incomes.

We cannot wait for another budget cycle to act. As federal immigration enforcement continues to create economic instability and heightened fear among immigrant communities across Los Angeles County, older adults who are excluded from SSI/ SSP and other federal and state cash assistance programs remain vulnerable. A county funded GBI pilot would provide their residents with a basic economic floor, allowing them to meet essential needs to age with dignity.

At the start of this year, we began working with LA County's Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI) to develop a micro pilot that would serve almost 50 LA County residents. While this initial effort is an important step, it reaches fewer than one quarter of the 250 seniors envisioned in our full proposal. The scale of the current crisis requires the County make meaningful long-term investments towards immigrant seniors.

Budget Request:

Create a 2-year, $8.3M Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program for adults 65 and older, who are ineligible for federal/state cash assistance programs and have been or are at risk of immigration enforcement actions.

The pilot program would be to provide direct cash assistance to LA County seniors over the age of 65 years old who do not qualify for federal or state cash assistance programs and are at risk of being impacted by immigration enforcement operations. The pilot program would be open to 50 seniors from each of the five LA County supervisorial districts for a total of 250 eligible County residents over the age of 65 years old who will receive $1,200 per month for two years (24 months).

ENSURING EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF SELECT EXISTING PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Los Angeles County has demonstrated strong leadership by investing in language access and digital equity programs that are already making a meaningful difference in the lives of immigrant communities. These programs have begun to reduce long-standing barriers to accessing County services, connect immigrant families to critical resources, and advance the Board's broader commitments to equity and inclusion. To fully realize their impact and ensure they reach all communities as intended, particularly for low-income immigrants, seniors, undocumented households, and speakers of underserved languages, these efforts now require continued implementation, community oversight, stable funding, and sustained community-based partnerships. With strategic investments and thoughtful implementation, the County can build on this momentum and ensure these impactful programs remain accessible, effective, and responsive to community needs.

Policy Requests:

Public Release of Language Access Data
In an effort to ensure community oversight as the Language Access Plan is being implemented, we ask that OIA share on a regular basis with the Board & public all pertinent aggregate data including but not limited to, the number and type (interpretation or translation) of requests per department; a list of language vendors used by each department; the list of vital documents by department; number and type of complaints relating to language access issues encountered by the public in accessing services or programs and any systemic remediating actions .

Continue Focusing on Equity in Contracting with CBO Language Service Providers by Expediting Additional Translation & Interpretation Contracts with CBOs.
Particularly as it relates to the translation and interpretation of more unique languages in traditionally underserved communities (Indigenous, Asian-Pacific Islander, and Black immigrants). IRLA remains committed to supporting an equitable and accessible contracting process for CBOs that includes adequate and timely reimbursement where applicable, alternatives to a reimbursement model, reducing administrative burdens and addressing burdensome reporting requirements.

Budget Request:

Ensuring a Successful & Sustainable Language Access Community Consultation Group.
While we appreciate that the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) is on track to launch the first meeting of the Language Access Community Consultation Group in October, the rapid pace of the County's Language Access Plan implementation requires immediate Board action to ensure this group's success. As such, the Board should consider allocating funds for stipends to the community-based organizations for their participation, time and expertise.

Fund the Department of Consumer and Business Affair's budget request for six additional staff to improve community outreach across all the County districts.
The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has requested that the County fund six additional full-time staff to cover each supervisorial district geographically and work closely with each district office to improve community outreach and information sharing for immigrant residents. Such an effort would improve access to information and increase access to services and programs for County residents. IRLA supports this effort and strongly urges the County to fund DCBA's budget request in order to improve community members' awareness of vital County programs and services.

In addition, as federal immigration enforcement actions escalate, Immigrants Are Los Angeles (IRLA) reiterates our strong support for RepresentLA and urges the Board of Supervisors to support the proposal

by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Office of Immigrant Affairs to expand funding for Represent LA. To help meet the growing need for legal services support, we ask the Board to fund the remaining $4.2 million of RepresentLA's $8.4 million budget request. This funding will allow legal service providers to expand access to legal representation, protect vulnerable residents, and promote stability and inclusion across Los Angeles. We appreciate the County's investment to date and now more than ever, this investment must increase to ensure that together we rise to meet the humanitarian crisis in LA County caused by rampant immigration enforcement.

As immigrant communities in Los Angeles continue to weather increasing federal attacks, we strongly urge the Board of Supervisors and CEO to boldly support immigrant communities by ensuring their equitable representation in the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Please contact IRLA policy co-chairs Shannon Camacho at shannon@inclusiveaction.org, and Hadir Azab at hazab@cair.com for additional information.

Respectfully,

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