

Our Demands: Sanctuary City Policy

1. Prohibit the use of any Long Beach resources to facilitate deportations.

This includes prohibiting the use of any local resources, facilities, or personnel to assist in federal immigration enforcement. Responding to hold, notification and transfer requests, sharing information about release dates and home addresses with ICE, allowing ICE to interview people held at Long Beach jail, and allowing ICE to enter the Long Beach jail without a criminal warrant would be among the activities that would be prohibited.

2. Provide diversion and alternatives to incarceration for low-level offenses.

The City of Long Beach must ensure that city staff, agents, and the Long Beach Police Department are trained and encouraged to exercise maximum discretion for low-level offenses. Providing alternatives to incarceration such as release on own recognizance, treatment and diversion programs would promote the goal of rehabilitation and be less costly than incarceration. The Long Beach Police Department should adopt a policy of citing and releasing individuals charged with low-level offenses in lieu of booking them into County jail.

3. Defend pro-immigrant policies from any attacks by the federal government.

The City of Long Beach should commit to fight any improper effort by the federal government to withhold or withdraw federal funding as a result of the City's policies to protect and defend its immigrant community. The Constitution imposes limits on the federal government's authority to restrict access to federal funds in response to local actions limiting compliance with immigration enforcement. We urge the City to act to protect the immigrant population in the face of improper threats by the President-elect to withdraw funding from jurisdictions that protect their residents.

4. Oppose any registry based on religious identity or other protected characteristics.

We must ensure the City is not complicit in the establishment or enforcement of a Muslim registry or the return of NSEERS (Special Registration). The City should prohibit the use of any City resources to enforce any federal program requiring registration of individuals on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or national or ethnic origin. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that (1) City personnel are prohibited from responding to civil immigration warrants; (2) City personnel do not cooperate with federal agents to enforce any such registry; and (3) City databases and information are not used for the purposes of building a registry or enforcing it.

5. Long Beach City agencies must protect the confidentiality of information. The City should act to ensure that personal information about City

residents held in City agency databases is protected and not subject to disclosure to the federal government for purposes of immigration enforcement. Without robust confidentiality protections, immigrant community members may be afraid to seek services or to interact with City departments and agencies. To protect City residents, the City should take steps to (1) prohibit City authorities from requesting information about or otherwise investigating the immigration status of any person, unless required by law; and (2) prohibit City authorities from providing non-publicly available information about any individual to immigration authorities, unless required by law.

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