

Online Public Comment Report
City Council
January 7, 2025

REGULAR AGENDA

25. Recommendation to strengthen the Long Beach’s Values Act and reaffirm the City’s commitment to protecting its local diverse immigrant communities by requesting that each separate appointing authority including; the Harbor Department, Utilities Department, City Clerk, Police Oversight, and the elected offices of the City Prosecutor, City Auditor, City Attorney, and Legislative Department to formally commit to the Long Beach Values Act via a letter to the City Council;

Request City Attorney to draft language to integrate the City’s Data Privacy Guidelines into standard contractual language, and to implement formal Data Transfer and Use Agreements for all agreements involving data transfers;

Support City Manager’s authorization of an additional \$200,000 for removal defense support via the Long Beach Justice Fund as part of their Fiscal Year 2024 Year End recommendations to the Mayor and City Council;

Request City Manager’s office to develop and amplify informational materials, resources, and community partnerships to help educate community members on their rights and protections; and

Request City Manager’s office and City Attorney to review and determine the feasibility of additional community requests and report back to City Council.

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Comment - 01/03/2025 03:05 PM: (Against)

Please do not support this continuation of our misguided “Sanctuary City” policies, including earmarking tax payer money for defending those who have committed a crime. Please stop using blanketeted verbiage to mislead our community. We welcome people from around the world, but ask they come here legally with a love of our country and a show of respect for our laws.

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Comment - 01/07/2025 11:00 AM: (For)

Dear Mayor Richardson and Members of the Long Beach City Council,

On behalf of California’s 69th Assembly District, I am writing in strong support of council agenda item 25, to strengthen the Long Beach Values Act, and reaffirm the city’s commitment to protecting diverse immigrant communities. These proactive steps will further solidify the protections and available resources for those impacted by disruptive action taken at the Federal level.

As we continue to assess potential threats to immigrant communities in Long Beach and beyond, I hope this council, alongside community leaders, and will continue to listen and work with those impacted by changes in policy and rhetoric. I am especially concerned about the impact of misinformation and confusion across our communities, that can lead to fear and isolation. Resources shared by the city should be easily accessible and available to anyone with questions or concerns about their immigration status.

The State of California will continue to be a partner in these efforts, and advocate for additional resources and compassion to keep our communities whole. Long Beach, just like California, is stronger because of its diversity. Thank you Vice Mayor Uranga, Councilwoman Zendejas, and Councilmember Ricks-Oddie for bringing this item forward, and for working with the many communities you represent to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every Long Beach resident. Your leadership and vision is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working with you all on this evolving challenge.

Sincerely,

JOSH LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 69th District