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Long Beach City Council
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Lowenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" being particularly prominent.

JOSH LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 69th District