

2. 25-54874 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from ORALE regarding the Long Beach Values Act.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

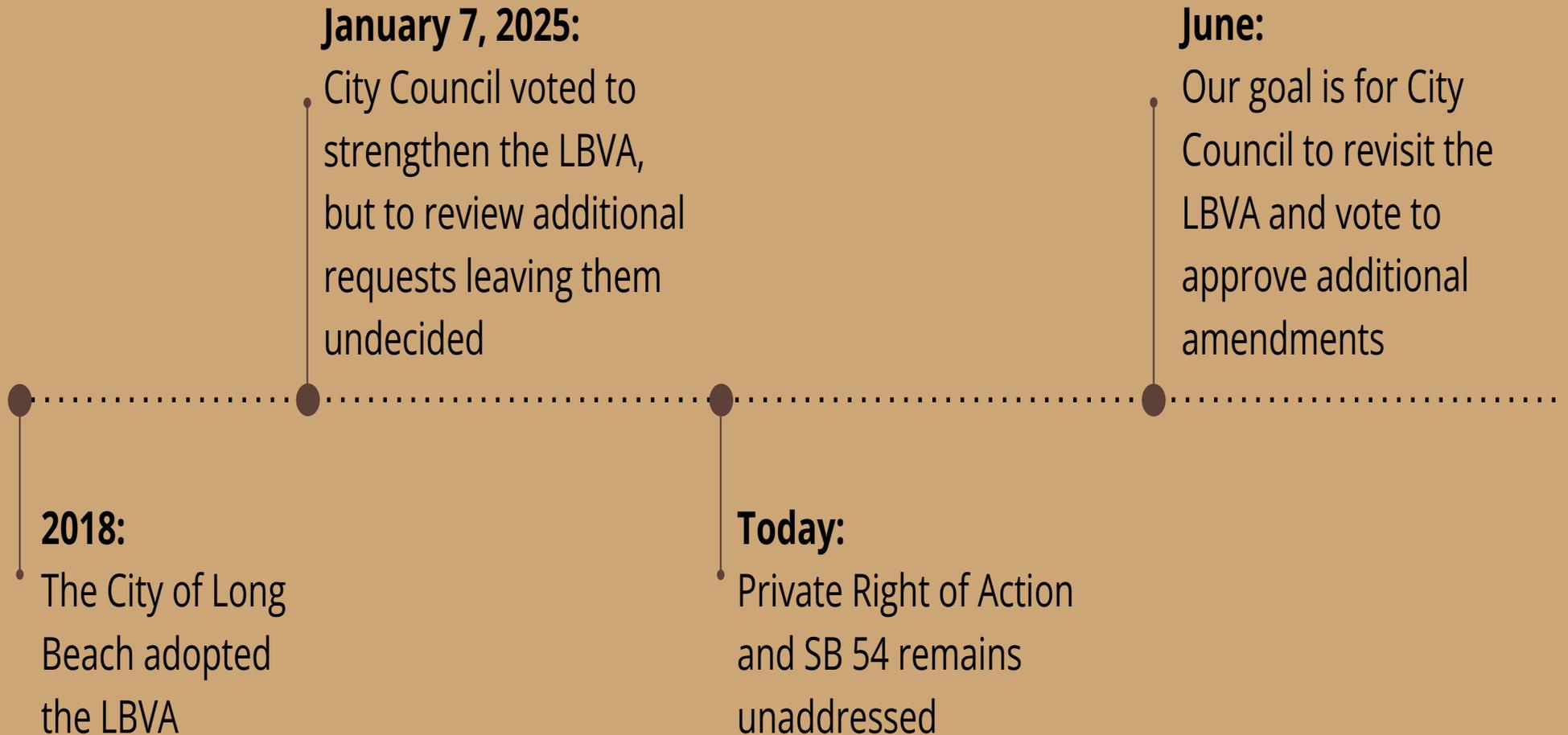
Revisiting the Long Beach Values Act: Private Right of Action and Removing SB 54 Exclusions and Expanding Protection



What is the Long Beach Values Act (LBVA)?

- Helps protect immigrants by setting clear guidelines for handling personal information and preventing cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.
 - The City also established the Long Beach Justice Fund in 2019 to provide legal support for deportation defense.
- "LBPD policy generally prohibits the sharing of immigration related information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)"
 - Source: [City of Long Beach LBVA Resource Guide \(Jan. 2025\)](#)
- Result of ongoing organizing and advocacy from Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Long Beach residents

LBVA Timeline: Where are we?



Amendments passed in January 2025

- Request that each independent office and several external partner agencies commit to the Long Beach Values Act
 - Includes: Port of Long Beach, Utilities, City Clerk, City Prosecutor, City Auditor, City Attorney, Police Oversight, and the Legislative Department.
- Reinforce the City's data privacy guidelines inclusion in standard contract language with all vendors
- Authorize additional funding for the Long Beach Justice Fund to ensure community has access to legal representation in immigration proceedings
- Create and distribute informational documents to assist those in need

Scale of Harm From Immigration Enforcement

The Administration's Targeting of the Immigrant Community

- Plans for mass deportation already underway
- Deporting folks to El Salvador and Guantanamo Bay regardless of their actual countries of origin
- Rescinding the memo on sensitive locations leaving places like schools, hospitals, and places of worship under threat
- Targeting visa holders and those with legal permanent residency (green card holders) because of disagreement with their ideologies or freedom of speech
- Enforcing a registration requirement for undocumented individuals and threatening criminal prosecution for not outing themselves to the government
- Attempting to have the IRS share data for immigration enforcement

Private Right of Action

- Currently, the LBVA is not enforceable by legal actions, leaving community members who suffer violations of the LBVA with no way of ensuring accountability or legal remedies
- Amending the LBVA to include a private right of action would allow our community members to ensure the LBVA has a real impact

SB 54 Exclusions and Expanding Protections

- Currently, the LBVA limits the City's protections against immigration enforcement, undermining its spirit of keeping *all* of our immigrant communities together
- Amending the LBVA's language to remove current exceptions would ensure the City of Long Beach does not participate in or assist federal immigration enforcement without being explicitly required to under federal or state law
- In other words, it would create a bright light where no City resources are used to assess whether someone should be turned over to ICE

How EHRC Can Support the Immigrant Community

Vote today to send a recommendation to City Council

- Ensure City Council adds these LBVA amendments to the agenda and votes to approve them
- Please reach out to ÓRALE and FMC if you have any additional questions after today

Ensure City Council follows up on LBVA and support our LBJF Budget Request

- Let City Council know that the EHRC supports LBVA amendments
- Support the LBJF Coalition's \$2.2 million budget ask for next year

Utilize Community Connectors

- Reach out to ÓRALE, FMC, or United Cambodian Community if you know anyone who needs help with immigration
- We can provide Know Your Rights education, make referrals, and share other resources

Questions and Comments?