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Commitment to Immigrant Communities

The City of Long Beach is proud to support its diverse and vibrant immigrant communities. In 2018, the City adopted the Long Beach Values Act, which 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.

On January 7, 2025, City Council voted to strengthen the Long Beach Values Act by recommending that each independent office and several external partner agencies commit to the Long Beach Values Act; requesting that the City's data privacy guidelines be included in standard contract language; authorizing additional funding for deportation defense support; and creating and distributing informational documents to assist those in need.

This guide is designed to provide helpful resources for community members who may need assistance with immigration-related issues. It is important to know your rights and be prepared if you are stopped or questioned by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). To learn more about the Long Beach Values Act and the recent City Council actions, please see this **memorandum**.

Non-Cooperation with Immigration Enforcement

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) is not an arm of the immigration authority and does not perform immigration duties. LBPD is dedicated to ensuring the safety of our entire community. The foundation of the Department is grounded in community policing principles, which emphasize the importance of public trust, including the trust of our immigrant community. LBPD policy generally prohibits the sharing of immigration related information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) obtained from individuals encountered during public safety or policing activities, such as routine traffic stops, calls for service, and those in custody. The Department only shares this information to comply with state or federal law, or with a valid judicial warrant or subpoena. We encourage you to maintain communication with LBPD in your area to help foster safety and security for everyone in our community.

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Legal Support

To address a lapse in removal defense services, the City is actively soliciting new legal service providers to support the Long Beach Justice Fund. In the interim, the City Manager approved two policy exceptions to establish temporary agreements with Western State College of Law and Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project. Both providers have committed to begin offering legal representation for individuals in removal proceedings starting in March 2025, with services continuing through October 2025.

Long Beach Immigrant Resources

Long Beach Justice Fund Service Providers

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

ÓRALE
www.orale.org

Filipino Migrant Center
www.filipinomigrantcenter.org

United Cambodian Community
www.ucclb.org

LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Western State College of Law
www.wsulaw.edu

Esperanza
www.esperanza-la.org

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Right to Remain Silent

You do not have to talk about your immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents, or other officials. Anything you say could be used against you in immigration court. Do not lie about your status or provide false documents.

Immigration Papers

If you are not a U.S. citizen and an immigration agent asks for your papers, you must show them if you have them with you. You have the right to remain silent or ask to speak with a lawyer before answering any questions.

Search Rights

If an immigration agent asks if they can search you, you have the right to say no. Agents do not have the right to search you or your belongings without your consent or probable cause. If they ask to search you, you have the right to say no.

Search and Arrest Warrant

If immigrant agents enter your home without your permission, you have the right to verbally express that you do not give them permission to enter your home or search your belongings. Ask for a search and arrest warrant.

Carrying Papers

If you are 18 or older, carry your immigration papers with you at all times. If you do not have them, you can tell the officer that you want to remain silent or speak with a lawyer.

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Prepare in Advance

It is a good idea to create a plan with your family, friends, and employer in case immigration agents visit your home or workplace. Decide who will handle your case and who will provide support. Make sure your family and friends know what to do if you are detained.

Protect Yourself from Fraud

Make sure any lawyer or legal representative you use is properly accredited. You can verify this by checking their credentials through the State Bar of California's *Look up a Lawyer* tool. Only seek legal help from licensed attorneys or federally accredited representatives. If you believe you have been the victim of fraud, contact the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs at 1-800-593-8222 or visit the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs website.

Additional Legal Resources

Centro CHA
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
L.A. Justice Fund
211 LA County
LA County Office of Immigrant Affairs
LA County Consumer and Business Affairs
Public Law Center
Asian Americans Advancing Justice SoCal
Bet Tzedek
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of California
Children's Law Center of California
El Rescate
Immigration Center for Women and Children
International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA)
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic

Peace Over Violence Legal Advocacy Project
Pomona Economic Opportunity Center (Pomona Day Laborer Center)
Access California Services
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Public Law Center
Immigrant Defenders
Al Otro Lado

Health Resources

My Health LA
Medi-Cal For DACA Recipients
The Children's Clinic
Medi-Cal Outreach and Health Access Program
Women, Infants & Children Supplemental Nutrition Program
Clinica Monsenor Oscar A. Romero

Education Resources

Long Beach Unified Free English as a Second Language Class
Long Beach Public Library Career Online High School
Long Beach City College Resources for DACA Students
CSULB Dream Success Center
LBUSD Migrant Education

Employment & Business Resources

Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates of Southern California (KIWA)
Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network (LBWIN)
Filipino Migrant Center

Supportive Services

YMCA
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Korean Resource Center
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach