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City of Long Beach
**Long Beach
Values Act
Resource Guide**

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LONG BEACH

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.

Legal Support

Always seek legal advice first if you are dealing with immigration issues. If you do not have a lawyer, the City partners with legal service providers to offer removal defense, affirmative and appellate legal services. Since the start of the Justice Fund, the City has worked with the Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef) to provide legal representation for those facing deportation. Currently the City is in partnership with Al Otro Lado to provide legal services under the Long Beach Justice Fund, and the City is exploring ways to expand legal services. For more information about Long Beach resources, visit [Long Beach Immigration Resources](#).

Long Beach Immigrant Resources

Long Beach Justice Fund Service Providers

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

ÓRALE
www.orable.org

Filipino Migrant Center
www.filipinomigrantcenter.org

**United Cambodian
Community**
www.ucclb.org

LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Al Otro Lado
www.alotrolado.org

**Immigrant Defenders
Law Center**
www.immdef.org

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.

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](#)
[Western State College of Law](#)
[Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project](#)

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](#)