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The Honorable Robert G. Luna
Sheriff
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
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Dear Sheriff Luna:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of state and local jurisdictions that endanger American communities through their refusal to cooperate with federal immigration officials. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) immigration-related policies prioritize criminal and illegal aliens over American citizens and threaten public safety. We write to request information about Los Angeles's sanctuary policies, including your lack of cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to ensure that dangerous aliens are not released onto American streets.

To protect communities from criminal aliens in law enforcement custody, ICE uses detainers, which are simple requests that a law enforcement agency "notify [ICE] as early as possible before [the agency] release[s] a removable alien" and "[h]old the alien for up to 48 hours beyond the time [the agency] would ordinarily release them so [the Department of Homeland Security] has time to assume custody in accordance with federal immigration law."¹ Federal law prohibits jurisdictions from restricting ICE's requests for and receipt of individuals' citizenship information.² LASD prohibits compliance with ICE detainers, forbids ICE from accessing "any custody facility or station jail,"³ prevents officers from asking about a criminal's immigration status,⁴ and even forbids officers from assisting ICE agents who request backup for an immigration arrest.⁵

¹ U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enf't, *Immigr. Detainers* (May 13, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/immigration-detainers>.

² See 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

³ Custody Div. Manual, Volume 6 – Station Jail Manual, 6-11/070.00 Immigr. and Customs Enf't Detainer Notification, <https://pars.lasd.org/Viewer/Manuals/14249/Content/19101#!>.

⁴ Manual of Policy and Procedures, Volume 5 – Line Procedures, Chapter 9 – Miscellaneous Line Procedures, 5-09/271.00 – Immigr. Inquiries and Notifications, <https://pars.lasd.org/Viewer/Manuals/10008/Content/12429#!>.

⁵ Newsletter 25-04, Potential Scenarios Related to Immigr. Operations (July 10, 2025), <https://pars.lasd.org/Viewer/Manuals/15183/Content/21502>.

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Despite your claim that LASD aims “[t]o proactively [p]revent [c]rime,”⁶ Los Angeles’s sanctuary policies endanger the communities you serve. Like other sanctuary jurisdictions we have examined, the shielding of criminal aliens from immigration enforcement in Los Angeles undermines public safety and thwarts the efficient enforcement of federal law. Accordingly, to assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and to inform potential legislative reforms to address sanctuary policies, we ask that you provide the following information:


1. All documents and communications referring or relating to LASD’s interaction with ICE for the period December 1, 2022, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to LASD’s policies, practices, and procedures related to non-U.S. citizens for the period December 1, 2022, to the present;
3. The number of ICE detainees that LASD has received and has declined to honor for the period December 1, 2022, to the present;
4. The number of ICE requests for backup that LASD has received and has not assisted with for the period December 1, 2022, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among LASD, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period December 1, 2022, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.⁷ If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

⁶ Mission Statement, L.A. Cnty. Sheriff’s Dep’t, <https://lasd.org/mission-statement/> (last accessed Apr. 23, 2026).

⁷ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).

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cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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