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The Honorable Nathan J. Hochman
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Dear Mr. Hochman:

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 and their prioritization of illegal and criminal aliens over American citizens. We write to request information about your office's sanctuary policies, which ultimately endanger the communities you serve.

Under your leadership, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office undermines the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For years, the office has openly given preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status. In 2022, your predecessor implemented a policy to consider criminal defendants' immigration status when making prosecution decisions.¹ The policy "proactively elevate[d] mitigating immigration consequences as a formal aspect of plea agreement in general," with a goal "to avoid additional immigration impact on all parties, both victims and defendants."² Like your predecessor, you require the office's prosecutors to "consider the avoidance of adverse immigration consequences as one factor in reaching a just resolution of a case at all times when engaged in the plea negotiation process."³ In practice, these policies ensure that dangerous foreign nationals can avoid deportation and remain in the United States indefinitely, all while receiving favorable prosecution considerations not afforded to U.S. citizens.

Under your office's pro-crime, pro-illegal immigration policies, illegal alien criminals are

¹ See Memorandum from George Gascón, Dist. Att'y, L.A. Cnty., Cal., to All Deputy Dist. Att'ys, Special Directive 22-07, Immigr. Policy (Dec. 6, 2022), <https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/policies/SD-22-07-Immigration-Policy.pdf>.

² *Id.*

³ Los Angeles Cnty. Dist. Att'y's Legal Policies Manual, at 158, 227 (Mar. 23, 2026), <https://da.lacounty.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/032326-Legal-Policies-Manual.pdf>. The policy states that "the proposed disposition and the reasons for the disposition shall be noted in the file and signed by the Head Deputy or Deputy-in-Charge." *Id.*

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allowed to freely operate, terrorize local communities, and reoffend without consequences. 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 the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period December 1, 2020, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period December 1, 2020, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office considered adverse immigration consequences in prosecution decisions, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period December 1, 2020, to the present;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period December 1, 2020, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Los Angeles Police Department referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period December 1, 2020, 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.⁴ 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
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⁴ 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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