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The Honorable Eric Gonzalez
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Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

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.

During your tenure, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For years, your office has openly given preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status.¹ Nearly a decade ago, you announced that your office was "implementing a new policy aimed at minimizing collateral immigration consequences of criminal convictions, particularly for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses."² At that time, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office "hired two immigration attorneys to train all staff on immigration issues and to advise prosecutors when making plea offers and sentencing recommendations on cases of non-citizen defendants in an effort to avoid disproportionate collateral consequences, such as deportation, while maintaining public safety."³ To achieve "an immigration-neutral disposition," you directed prosecutors to "consider alternative offenses the defendant can plead to as well as reasonable modifications to the sentence recommendation," even suggesting that a criminal alien be offered "a plea for a lesser offense in light of the disproportionate immigration consequences a higher level offense may result in."⁴

¹ Press Release, Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez Announces New Policy Regarding Handling of Cases against Non-Citizen Defendants, Brooklyn District Att'y's Off. (Apr. 24, 2017), <https://www.brooklynda.org/2017/04/24/acting-brooklyn-district-attorney-eric-gonzalez-announces-new-policy-regarding-handling-of-cases-against-non-citizen-defendants/>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office's policies shield criminal aliens from accountability and ultimately imperil New York communities. Since you implemented the pro-illegal alien policy in 2017, your office has boasted that it "reached plea deals with immigrant defendants that allowed them to avoid deportation."⁵ You have also emphasized the need for "community-based alternatives" for foreign national criminals and framed deportation as a disproportionate consequence for criminal aliens' illegal conduct.⁶

Under your office's pro-crime, pro-illegal immigration policies, illegal alien criminals are 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 Brooklyn 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 Brooklyn District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2017, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2017, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2017, to the present, including:
 - a. Active and closed cases in which the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office authorized an alien defendant to replead;
 - b. Active and closed cases in which an alien defendant had a conviction reduced or vacated;
 - c. Active and closed cases in which the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office recommended a pardon to the Governor;

⁵ Rep. to the People 2022, Brooklyn District Att'y's Off., at 32, <https://view.publitas.com/kcda/bda-annual-report-7-26-23-spreads/>.

⁶ See Justice 2020, An Action Plan for Brooklyn, Brooklyn District Att'y's Off., at 25, <https://view.publitas.com/kcda/justice2020-report/page/1> ("Community-based alternatives can be especially important for immigrants, for whom a minor arrest could lead to deportation or other disproportionate consequences.").

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4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office's training materials related to immigration and immigration collateral consequences for the period January 1, 2017, to the present;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2017, to the present; and
6. All documents and communications between or among the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the New York City Police Department, and the New York City Department of Correction referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2017, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 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

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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⁷ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).