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The Honorable Steven Bradford
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ASSEMBLY BILL 937 (CARRILLO)
SUPPORT
Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Bradford:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 937 (Carrillo).

Existing California law, The Values Act, limits the involvement of state and local law enforcement agencies in federal immigration enforcement. It specifically prohibits law enforcement agencies (including school police and security departments) from using resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest people for immigration enforcement purposes.

A major loophole of The Values Act is the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is not considered a law enforcement agency.

AB 937, the Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our Immigrant Neighbors (VISION) Act, expands the prohibitions in The Values Act by prohibiting all state and local agencies (including law enforcement agencies and CDCR) from assisting with the arrest, confinement, detention, transfer, interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose in any manner.

AB 937 also prohibits a state or local agency or court from using immigration status as a factor to deny or to recommend denial of probation or participation in any diversion, rehabilitation, mental health program, or placement in a credit-earning program or class, or to determine custodial classification level, to deny mandatory supervision, or to lengthen the portion of supervision served in custody.

Nothing in AB 937 prohibits any state or local agency (including law enforcement agencies and CDCR) from complying with a criminal judicial warrant or any federal statute.

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The State of California has an obligation to protect the rights of all Californians, including refugees and immigrants who call California home.

AB 937 recognizes that all Californians, regardless of citizenship status, should get the chance to reintegrate back into their communities and reunite with their families when they have paid their debt to society.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,



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