

Flores, Dora

From: Ana Ramirez Zarate <ana@resilienceoc.org>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 5:39 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: "YES" on the City Resolution in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo)

Hi City Council,

My name is Ana Ramirez, I work in the city of Santa Ana. I am urging Santa Ana City council members to vote YES on the city resolution in support of the Vision Act (AB937). Passing the resolution is a step in the right direction to protect immigrants.

Best,
Ana Ramirez Zarate
Policy Analyst
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From: Catherine Tran <hyen224b@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 6:26 PM
To: eComment
Subject: YES on the VISION Act AB 937

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana Council Members,

My name is Hoang and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote YES on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda,

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

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From: Daniel Vasquez <dvespada@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 6:30 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Daniel Vasquez and I am a resident of Santa Ana/Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,
Daniel Vasquez

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From: Minh Phạm <phamnguyenkhaiminh93@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 6:51 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Minh Pham and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

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Best regards,
Minh Pham

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From: Lena Tran <lena@vietrise.org>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 6:53 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Lena Tran with VietRISE. On behalf of VietRISE, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The [VISION Act](#) is a state bill that would stop the practice of transferring immigrants and refugees who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention. The VISION Act takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that millions of dollars in local and state tax dollars are not used to put immigrants in dangerous health conditions in immigration detention and separate immigrant families and communities.

Furthermore, the VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation. Countless refugee community members who survived war and violence and were incarcerated as youth are now being indefinitely placed in ICE detention in California due to ICE transfers.

In 2016, Santa Ana passed the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country and committed the city's support with the CA Values Act. This resolution presents another opportunity for Santa Ana to strongly demonstrate its commitment to protecting refugee and immigrant communities from cruel detention and deportation in the city and statewide.

Please vote **yes** on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. We thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

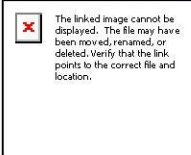
Best regards,

Lena Tran

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From: Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 7:06 PM
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Cc: Tracy La; general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Allison Vo with VietRISE. **On behalf of VietRISE, I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act is a state bill that would stop the practice of transferring immigrants and refugees who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention. The VISION Act takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that millions of dollars in local and state tax dollars are not used to put immigrants in dangerous health conditions in immigration detention and separate immigrant families and communities.

Furthermore, the VISION Act is needed in light of the increased anti-Asian violence within the past several month because it addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation. Countless refugee community members who survived war and violence and were incarcerated as youth are now being indefinitely placed in ICE detention in California due to ICE transfers.

As an organization, VietRISE has met and worked with countless immigrants and refugees who have been cruelly transferred from local jail and state prisons to ICE detention. Many of them completed their prison sentences, yet instead of being able to return home, they are sentenced to immigration detention indefinitely and face the risk of deportation afterward. Many of the people we have worked with are Vietnamese immigrants and refugees who as young people and adults faced racism and poverty while having limited access to structural support after migrating to this country at a young age. Many of them end up in contact with the criminal legal system while coping with poverty, violence, and racism. In addition, there are countless domestic violence survivors who end up incarcerated instead of receiving support, and many people who survived domestic violence are transferred to ICE detention as well. Currently, there is no state legislation that recognizes the humanity and complexity of their lives and cases. The VISION Act would protect survivors and immigrants from the cruel double punishment of being transferred to detention after completing their sentences.

Last year, VietRISE launched a widely-supported campaign for an impacted refugee community member named An Thanh Nguyen, to call on Governor Gavin Newsom to pardon him. As of now, only a pardon from Governor Newsom will guarantee Mr. Nguyen's protection from deportation. Mr. Nguyen currently faces deportation to Viet Nam, a country he has not known or seen since he was a

child. His entire family resides in Orange County, CA. Mr. Nguyen's father fought alongside the United States during the Viet Nam War and was imprisoned for four years in Viet Nam. His mother fled the country in 1985 and was finally able to sponsor her children to immigrate to California in 1990. But after resettling in the U.S., Mr. Nguyen faced poverty, racism, and bullying. As a youth, he ultimately made mistakes that resulted in a series of robberies. For these robberies, he was sentenced to state prison where he served over 20 years. However, instead of being able to return to his family after completing his prison sentence, Mr. Nguyen was transferred to ICE detention, where he was detained, released, and then detained again for a month.

If the VISION Act were law before then, Mr. Nguyen could have never been transferred to ICE detention and would have been able to return to his family without facing this cruel double punishment after completing his sentence.

In 2016, Santa Ana passed the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country and committed the city's support with the CA Values Act. This resolution presents another opportunity for Santa Ana to strongly demonstrate its commitment to protecting refugee and immigrant communities from cruel detention and deportation in the city and statewide.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. We thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,
Allison Vo
VietRISE

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Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Genevieve and I am from Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

Best regards,
Genevieve Sawicz
92780

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From: denisesf@dslextrreme.com
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 8:47 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Denise and I am from Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

Best regards,
Denise Sawicz
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From: niko le <niko.lesw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 9:00 PM
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Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: YES on Agenda Item 21 - in Support of the VISION Act

Good evening Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Councilmembers,

My name is Niko Le, and I have been a resident of Santa Ana for almost 10 years.

As a child of a Honduran immigrant and a Vietnamese refugee, whose parents met in Santa Ana, the importance of this resolution is not lost on me.

I am asking you to vote YES on Agenda Item 21, the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo), at the meeting tomorrow evening.

The VISION Act would end a cruel practice of double punishment for immigrants and refugees throughout California by preventing ICE transfers after a prison sentence has already been served. This would in particular, help protect Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities, which make up the overwhelming majority of our city.

Santa Ana, which has shown itself to support and honor its immigrant communities before through its declaration of being a sanctuary city, should be in support of the VISION Act. I hope you all continue to uplift--and materially protect--immigrant and refugee communities here by doing your part to make sure our city officially supports such key legislation.

Again, please vote YES on the city council resolution in support of the VISION Act.

Thank you for your time. I hope you don't let me or my family down.

Please confirm that this email comment has been received.

Best regards,
Niko Le

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From: Jennifer Au <aujennifert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 10:16 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Vote Yes on Resolution Agenda Item 21 in Support of the VISION Act

Good evening Mayor Sarmiento and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jennifer Au, and I am a resident of Santa Ana. **I am writing to you tonight in adamant support of Agenda Item 21, the resolution in support of the VISION Act.**

In order for me to explain most clearly why the VISION Act is so important to me, I need to explain to you some of my family history: I come from a line of Chinese and Vietnamese immigrants who have been forcibly displaced from their home countries multiple times. I know that Santa Ana itself has a history that is over a century long that includes and involves Asian people, Chinese people in particular.

Recently, there was [an article on the Voice of OC](#) in which Councilmember Phan and others discussed the ways that Vietnamese residents of Santa Ana have felt pushed out of the city. In the article, Commissioner Vu attributed at least part of this to the role that Santa Ana played in the expulsion and violence against the residents of its historic Chinatown over a century ago.

While I understand the shame in this being a part of our city's history, I think it is essential that we reckon with this rather than ignore it. Part of this reckoning can and should absolutely happen with the passing of this resolution to support the VISION Act.

The VISION Act would end the practice of punishing immigrants and refugees twice by ending ICE transfers from local prisons and state jails, which then put them at risk of being deported.

For people like members of my family, that would mean being displaced yet again in their lives. This violence against our community members must stop. We have to recognize that violence against our people takes many forms, including incarceration, prolonged detention, deportation, and displacement. In this recent rise of violence against Asians, the VISION Act is an important way to begin to make legislative and cultural shifts away from violence.

I greatly appreciate Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for making sure this resolution was agendized and want again to ask the remaining city councilmembers to vote in support of the VISION Act to make sure that Santa Ana contends with its history and continues to support its immigrant and refugee communities still living here.

Please respond to let me know that you have received this email comment for May 4th's city council meeting.

Best regards,
Jennifer Au



EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE MÉXICO

May 4, 2021

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

On behalf of El Centro Cultural de Mexico, we ask that you to vote Yes on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4. As you know el Centro works with the immigrant community and is impacted by the violence that many of our families face.

The VISION Act is a state bill that would stop the practice of transferring immigrants and refugees who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention. The VISION Act takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that millions of dollars in local and state tax dollars are not used to put immigrants in dangerous health conditions in immigration detention and separate immigrant families and communities.

Furthermore, the VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation. Countless refugee community members who survived war and violence and were incarcerated as youth are now being indefinitely placed in ICE detention in California due to ICE transfers.

In 2016, Santa Ana passed the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country and committed the city's support with the CA Values Act. This resolution presents another opportunity for Santa Ana to strongly demonstrate its commitment to protecting refugee and immigrant communities from cruel detention and deportation in the city and statewide.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. We thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence. Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

Sincerely,

Carolina Sarmiento
Board of Directors
Centro Cultural de Mexico

Orozco, Norma

From: Lindsey Kliewer <lindsey@lindseykliewer.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 10:40 AM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Lindsey Kliewer and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

With gratitude,
Lindsey Kliewer

Orozco, Norma

From: Ethan Chhan <ethanchhan12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 10:04 AM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: VISION Act

Dear Mayor Sarmeinto and Santa Ana COuncil Members,

My name is Ethan Chhan and I am a resident of the Santa Ana-Orange County area. I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB - 937 - Carillo), today Tuesday May 4th. Thank you to Councilmember Pham and Mayor Sarimento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and SOutheast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

In confidence and thanks,

Ethan Chhan

B.S. Pharmaceutical Sciences

Orozco, Norma

From: Ely Flores <eflores@occord.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 11:10 AM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org; Rosaisela Lopez Cienfuegos; Christopher Baiza; Mariana Angeles; Quelin Querijero
Subject: E-comment in support of VISION Act Resolution

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Ely Flores with Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD). On behalf of OCCORD, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The [VISION Act](#) is a state bill that would stop the practice of transferring immigrants and refugees who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention. The VISION Act takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that millions of dollars in local and state tax dollars are not used to put immigrants in dangerous health conditions in immigration detention and separate immigrant families and communities.

Furthermore, the VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation. Countless refugee community members who survived war and violence and were incarcerated as youth are now being indefinitely placed in ICE detention in California due to ICE transfers.

OCCORD's mission is to bring workers, families and community partners together to organize and advocate for good jobs, strong neighborhoods and an inclusive democracy in Orange County. ICE Transfers harm the mental and physical health of refugees, immigrants, and their families and this is why we urge you to support this resolution.

In 2016, Santa Ana passed the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country and committed the city's support with the CA Values Act. This resolution presents another opportunity for Santa Ana to strongly demonstrate its commitment to protecting refugee and immigrant communities from cruel detention and deportation in the city and statewide.

Please vote **yes** on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. We thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,
Ely Flores
Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD)

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Orozco, Norma

From: rex ny <rexnie87@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 11:40 AM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Vision Act (AB 937-Carrillo)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Rex Ny, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The [VISION Act](#) is a state bill that would stop the practice of transferring immigrants and refugees who have already been deemed eligible for release from being transferred by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention. The VISION Act takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that millions of dollars in local and state tax dollars are not used to put immigrants in dangerous health conditions in immigration detention and separate immigrant families and communities.

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No Family should be separated!

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Please vote **yes** on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. We thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,

Rex Ny

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Orozco, Norma

From: Indigo Vu <indigo.vu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 11:43 AM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Indigo Vu, and I am a resident of Ward 1 in Santa Ana as well as an Arts and Culture Commissioner for the city. **I am writing to you today to ask that each of you vote yes on today's Agenda Item 21, the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo).** Thank you Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for agendizing this item.

Under current law, immigrants and refugees who enter the criminal justice system can be punished twice through voluntary and unnecessary transfers to ICE detention, despite the fact they have already been deemed eligible for release. While in detention, they are at heightened risk of illness in our still-ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and of deportation. This practice is cruel and serves only to splinter families and to further punish Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities that are already harmed from lack of structural support.

As an Arts and Culture Commissioner, I feel it is essential for me to voice that we, in Santa Ana, cannot truly have a thriving culture if we do not support our communities, which in Santa Ana shines because of the work of immigrants and refugees.

Santa Ana has already made history by passing the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country, and you can continue this legacy of immigrant rights advocacy by voting in favor of supporting the VISION Act.

Again, please vote **yes** on tonight's resolution in support of the VISION Act.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,
Indigo Vu
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Orozco, Norma

From: Marianne Loewe <mrldeg@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 12:03 PM
To: eComment
Subject: VISION ACT

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Members of the Santa Ana Council,

My name is Marianne Loewe, and I am a proud member of Santa Ana, Orange County, CA.

The purpose of the communication is to ask you to vote YES on the resolution in support of the VISION ACT (AB 937 - Varrillo) on Tuesday, May 4. A huge THANK YOU to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for adding it to the agenda.

The VISION ACT addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma and violence for Black, Latino/Latina, and Southwest Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation on California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION ACT. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigration rights advocacy and also for affordable housing.

Sincerely,
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Orozco, Norma

From: Penelope Lopez <penelope@chispaoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 12:02 PM
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Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)
Attachments: Letter of Support (Agenda Item 21).docx

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Penelope Lopez with Chispa. On behalf of Chispa, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best regards,
Penelope Lopez
Organizing Director
Chispa
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In Solidarity

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Orozco, Norma

From: Ferny Estrada <fer14e.f@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 12:57 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Vote YES on Agenda Item 21

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Ferny and I am a resident of Santa Ana. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

The VISION Act addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

As a person of color and immigrant, the idea that I could be doubled punished in California for a simple mistake is terrifying. Immigrants, like any other U.S. citizen make mistakes. We should be given the same grace as any other U.S. citizen and allow us to live our lives without the fear of deportation.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,
Ferny

Orozco, Norma

From: Celine Qussiny <c.qussiny777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 2:40 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Celine Qussiny with the Palestinian Youth Movement LA-OC-IE Chapter. On behalf of the Palestinian Youth Movement, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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In 2016, Santa Ana passed the strongest sanctuary city ordinance in the country and committed the city's support with the CA Values Act. This resolution presents another opportunity for Santa Ana to strongly demonstrate its commitment to protecting refugee and immigrant communities from cruel detention and deportation in the city and statewide.

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Best regards,
Celine Qussiny
Palestinian Youth Movement LA-OC-IE Chapter



Orozco, Norma

From: Vincent Tran <vincent@vietrise.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 2:26 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
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Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Vincent Tran with VietRISE. **On behalf of VietRISE, I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best,

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Orozco, Norma

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Cc: general@vietrise.org
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Best regards,
Celine Qussiny

Orozco, Norma

From: sylvia pham <sylviapham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 2:50 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Vote "YES" on City Resolution (Agenda Item 21)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members:

My name is Sylvia Pham and I am an employee of Orange County. I am writing to ask you to vote YES on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4. Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

I am a public defender and see the inhumane impact on my refugee clients who are separated from their families and communities through incarceration and deportation. The Vision Act is a step in the right direction toward healing our communities rather than adding more layers of trauma.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,

Sylvia Pham

Orozco, Norma

From: Daniel Aguirre <daguirre051@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 3:00 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Daniel Aguirre and I am a resident of Santa Ana/Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best regards,

Daniel Aguirre



The Law Offices of **FRANCES PRIZZIA**

May 4, 2021

My name is Frances-Marie A. Prizzia, and I am a resident of Orange County, and a daughter of a Filipina immigrant mother. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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As a criminal defense attorney of over 15 years, I have seen first hand how my clients are deeply affected by the current laws that allow continued detention and deportation after serving their allotted time in jail. They are stripped of their ability to reunite with their families and their ability to continue to work as members of our society. More often than not, those who are arrested for crimes, not even being found guilty, but awaiting their chance to fight charges in court, suddenly face an immigration hold. Regardless of the outcome in their criminal cases, they are placed in immigration custody where and then faced with deportation. I have also had several immigrant clients who would be best treated via diversion programs or some sort of mental health programs but are denied due to their immigration status. This is heartbreaking and a violation of our Constitution that focuses on equal protection of those who live and work in our country.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Best regards,

Frances-Marie Prizzia, Esq.
Attorney at Law

Orozco, Norma

From: Samir Al-Alami <sameeralalami@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 3:22 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
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Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Samir Al-Alami with the Palestinian Youth Movement. On behalf of the Palestinian Youth Movement, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best regards,

Samir Al-Alami
Palestinian Youth Movement

Orozco, Norma

From: Felicity <felicitynf@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 3:46 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Felicity Figueroa and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

I believe that it is criminal to keep families apart, especially after members have been separated for so long. People should not be punished twice just because they are immigrants.

Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy. Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

In peace,
Felicity Figueroa

Orozco, Norma

From: Allison Vo <allisonpvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 3:48 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote YES on Agenda Item 21 - Support the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Allison and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for your leadership and placing this critical state legislation on today's agenda.

I am a Vietnamese refugee who grew up in the Little Saigon cities of Orange County. For many years throughout my childhood, my family moved from city to city because we received Section 8 housing and it was the means for us to live in Orange County. Despite the ongoing displacement - from the war in Viet Nam to displacement as a result of housing insecurity and poverty after resettlement - my parents were firm in their decision to remain in Orange County - the cultural, social and political epicenter of the Vietnamese diaspora. The city of Santa Ana has and remains a vital core of how my family views the vibrance of Little Saigon, and informs our sense of identity and belonging.

In 2016, I was proud to learn that Santa Ana passed the boldest immigration sanctuary ordinance in the country - and to solidify through law - that Santa Ana would ensure the protection of immigrant and refugee community members in the city. I have seen how the city of Santa Ana champions immigrant justice, and acts as a beacon for other cities to follow in your leadership.

The VISION Act (AB 937) is a continuation of the city's legacy and commitment to ensuring the dignity and humanity of our community members are honored. It addresses anti-Asian violence and puts an end to the cycle of trauma for Black, Latinx, and Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities who are being double punished through incarceration and deportation in California.

Please vote yes on the city resolution in support of the VISION Act. Thank you for your local leadership in setting a standard for bold and strong immigrant rights advocacy.

Please confirm receipt of this email correspondence.

Sincerely,
Allison Vo



ASIAN AMERICANS
**ADVANCING
JUSTICE**
ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

May 4, 2021

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Melanie Kim with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (AAAJ - Asian Law Caucus). On behalf of AAAJ - Asian Law Caucus, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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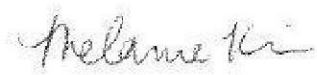
AAAJ - Asian Law Caucus is a proud co-sponsor of AB 937 because our organization serves Asian American communities that have been torn apart by ICE transfers and deportations. In particular, ICE transfers play a pivotal role in the perpetual displacement experienced by Southeast Asian refugee communities. In the 1970s and 1980s, fleeing war and genocide, child refugees from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam were resettled in California's poor neighborhoods with few, if any, culturally competent resources. Many Southeast Asian refugee children were born in refugee camps in Thailand, and never set foot in their parents' home countries. They came of age during California's prison boom and at the height of draconian and racist "tough on crime" policies in the 1990s. Living with unaddressed trauma, Southeast Asian refugee children were criminalized and given extremely long sentences for mistakes made as youth. Following decades of incarceration, many Southeast Asian refugees have finally earned their release from

prison through the rigorous parole process. However, instead of being reunited with their families, CDCR collaborates with ICE to funnel them to immigration detention where they face permanent separation from their families and deportation to an entirely unfamiliar country. This includes Kao Saelee, a Mien refugee from Laos who fought wildfires while incarcerated, but was still turned over to ICE last August, during the pandemic and currently remains in ICE detention in Louisiana. We stand in solidarity with other heavily criminalized immigrant communities and communities of color, and believe the cruel practice of transferring community members must stop.

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Sincerely,



Melanie Kim
Staff Attorney
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

melaniek@advancingjustice-alc.org





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As CLUE, we educate, organize, and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice.

May 4, 2021

Mayor Sarmiento

Santa Ana City Council

Santa Ana, California

Re: AB 937 — The VISION Act — SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is David Jaimes with Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE). On behalf of CLUE, I am writing to ask you to vote **Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Sincerely,

David Johanan Jaimes

Faith-Rooted Organizer for Immigration

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Orozco, Norma

From: Jenny Vo <vojennyp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 3:58 PM
To: eComment; Sarmiento, Vicente; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Mendoza, Nelida
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Jenny Vo and I am a resident of Orange County. **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best regards,
Jenny Vo

Orozco, Norma

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Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Felicity Figueroa and I am the Chair of the **Orange County Equality Coalition (OCEC)**. On behalf of **OCEC**, I am writing to ask you to **vote Yes on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo)** on Tuesday, May 4. Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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OCEC believes in equality and justice for all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or immigration status. Therefore, we are firmly in support of this legislation, which helps to ensure that families can stay together.

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Best regards,
Felicity Figueroa
Chair
OCEC



Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Jonathan Paik with the Orange County Civic Engagement Table (OCCET). On behalf of OCCET, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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The VISION Act will advance critical reform that will ensure the health, safety, and restoration of immigrant communities across Orange County. As an AAPI-Latinx-Labor-Environmental Justice alliance that works directly with impacted communities, we must ensure that our county does not continue to perpetuate violence and incarceration through detention and deportation in the region.

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Best regards,

Jonathan Paik, Executive Director, Orange County Civic Engagement Table

Gloria Alvarado, Executive Director, Orange County Voter Information Project

Tracy La, Executive Director, VietRISE

Susan Cheng, Organizing Director, AHRI for Justice

Miguel Hernandez, Executive Director, Orange County Congregation Community Organization
Mary Anne Foo, Executive Director, Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance
Patricia Flores, Project Director, Orange County Environmental Justice
Claudia Perez, Executive Director, Resilience OC

Orozco, Norma

From: Sabrina Rivera <srivera@ocjusticefund.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2021 6:36 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please Vote Yes On Santa Ana Resolution (Agenda Item 21) in Support of the VISION Act (AB 937)

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

My name is Sabrina Rivera. On behalf of the Orange County Justice Fund, **I am writing to ask you to vote Yes on Agenda Item 21 - the resolution in support of the VISION Act (AB 937 - Carrillo) on Tuesday, May 4.** Thank you to Councilmember Phan and Mayor Sarmiento for putting it on the agenda.

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Best regards,

Sabrina Rivera
Pronouns: she/her/hers
Executive Director | Orange County Justice Fund



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Orozco, Norma

From: Joel Block <joellblock@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2021 1:20 PM
To: eComment
Cc: general@vietrise.org
Subject: Please support Resolution in support of AB937 "Vision Act"

Mayor Sarmiento, members of the Council:

I urge you vote to strongly support AB 937 in your Resolution. As a descendent of many who died and the few who survived the Holocaust in Europe, I have been well-educated on the dangers of the use of biased governmental measures taken against "outsider" non-citizens.

I have personally visited the former concentration camps of Buchenwald and Auschwitz, which hosted multiple unspeakable hate crimes of mass extermination. pseudo-scientific "experiments" on live human prisoners, and slave labor.

These acts were the ultimate result of the Nazis' propaganda that Jews were not German citizens because they were racially inferior. The German government justified all the discriminatory measures against Jews on the grounds they were "outsiders" not entitled to any of the rights of German citizens.

Abuse of those who are labeled "outsiders" do not happen in a vacuum, they are nurtured by years of indifference by those who know better. It is up to you, Mayor and Council, to do all you can to prevent future abuses against immigrants. Strongly supporting AB 937 is the least you can do with your collective voices.

Thank you,

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