

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLISHED AGENDA**

**Item #3 WS 17-011**

**Agenda Questions and Answers**

## AGENDA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2017

<b>Item 3 - Requested by CM Lamnin:</b> Community Agency Funding	<b><u>Response from Director of Libraries and Community Services Sean Reinhart :</u></b>
<p>3) Community Agency Funding</p> <p>For Agenda Item 3, what is the total amount of CDBG funding estimated to be available for FY18?</p> <p>Do we contract the minor home repairs to Rebuilding Together (and perhaps another agency)? If so, why don't they apply directly through the regular process? If our contract with them is a separate program, does it utilize CDBG funding? Similarly, is our literacy program a contract or provided internally by City Staff? If contracted, same questions apply.</p> <p>Where can we access the applications?</p>	<p>It is difficult to project the FY 2018 estimated CDBG funding for several reasons, including the Trump Administration's recent proposal to eliminate the CDBG program entirely. It remains to be seen what Congress will do with that proposal during its budget deliberations. At this time the working estimate in FY 2018, with a lot of caveats affixed, is roughly equivalent to FY 2017 at \$1.45 million.</p> <p>The City works with multiple subcontractors to perform the actual construction work on homes owned by Hayward residents in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Rebuilding Together is one of the program subcontractors who handles minor "handyman" type projects. The Housing Rehabilitation Program and program subcontractors are funded with CDBG. The City's Literacy program uses a combination of regular City staff and some subcontractors. The Literacy program is partially funded with CDBG.</p> <p>The applications are accessible electronically through the CityDataServices application processing and evaluation system. The system requires individual account logins to access. The applications contain proprietary information submitted by applicant agencies in the context of a competitive grant application process. For these reasons the full applications are generally viewed only by staff and the Community Services Commission in the course of performing the evaluations. If there is a specific application or applications about which there are questions, staff is happy to retrieve the requested information from the system.</p>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Letters from Third Graders Submitted by Ms. Irazema Guerrero**

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My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

Dear President Trump

Hello, I am a concerned third grade student. I ~~am~~ <sup>don't want</sup> ~~nine~~ you to build a wall. I am nine years old and I live in California. I believe you shouldn't build a wall because you will separate families. If parents are taken away, who will take kids to school?

Almost everyone came to this country from another place. Even your wife came here from another country. If you send immigrants away, will you <sup>also</sup> ~~also~~ send your wife away? I think think that you want her to stay, and we want our families to stay.

Second, I believe that Mexicans come here to have a better job. They want a better

life. They don't want to be sent away because they have good jobs and good lives. Please let immigrants stay here. My parents came here to have a better job and give us a better future. If my parents are taken away, who will take care of me, my brother, and my sisters.

In conclusion, I believe that immigrants should stay here. I want my parents to stay because they want a better life for them and us. Mr Trump, please don't take away our families and friends.

Sincerely,  
A Interested  
Student

My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 30, 2017

Dear President Trump

Hello, I am a third grade student from California. I am scared because you are saying that you are going to kick out the immigrants. That is making me scared because my parents are immigrants so don't kick out the immigrants.

First I believe that immigrants are good people because they come here to work hard. They also come here to have a better life. They also come here to have better food. They also come here to learn different languages.



① Second I believe that immigrants are hard working people because immigrants aren't lazy. They are hard working people because they like to get paid a lot. They are also hard working because they want to help others. Immigrants aren't lazy because my dad is an immigrant and he works in construction.



②third I believe that you shouldn't build a wall because it is a bad Idea. When you build a wall you will separate us from our families and other important things. It is also a bad Idea because they can go over it, fly over it, and swim through it. You also shouldn't build a wall because this country needs a lot of immigrants.

in Conclusion  
④ in conclusion I believe that you can be a better president if you are not racist. please don't kick out the immigrants.

I am scared because you are going to take away families. Also why are you calling immigrants criminals if they are not? why do you want to build a wall? please don't build a wall because my family wants to stay here. My family that is in Mexico wants to come here to this country to visit us. Thank you for reading this letter Mr. President.

sincerely

a worried student

## My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29 2017

Dear President Trump,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a third grade student from California, and I am so worried about the things you are saying. I am also worried about my family because you are saying that you hate immigrants. I heard that you want to build a wall. I disagree with you. I believe immigrants are good people because they help their families from other countries. I think that you should not take immigrants back to their countries because ~~you~~ separate families.

First, I believe immigrants are good people because they help their families from other countries. My parents help their families by giving them money so they can ~~buy~~ clothes and buy food. My neighbors and others help their families too. My parents came to work so they could help their families.



Second, I think immigrants are good people because if they send immigrants back to their countries, the United States is going to be boring. Every body is going to look the same. And they are going to like the same things. Immigrants came to make the United States a better country.

Third, I believe immigrants are good people because they take care of the kids. If you kick out immigrants, who is going to take care of the kids? Who is going to take the kids to school and take care of them? The kids are going to cry because they are going to take the parents away and send them back to their countries.

In conclusion, I believe immigrants are good people because they are helpful. Please let immigrants stay. Please don't deport people because you separate families. Lastly, I would like you so

much to please don't build a wall.

Thank you so much for reading  
this letter. I hope you change your  
mind about immigrants.

Sincerely,

A Smart Student

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## My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 30, 2017

Dear President Trump,

Hello, I am a third grade student. I believe that immigrants are good people because they are really hard workers. I think that when you say that immigrants are criminals and bad people, they feel really sad. Please stop saying mean stuff about immigrants.

If you are calling immigrants criminals, you are calling your ancestors criminals. And you are calling your wife a criminal because she is an immigrant too. Sometimes when you separate families, you hurt them. I am scared because you want to take my parents and brother away.



Mr. Trump, I think that immigrants are good people. For example, my mom takes care of us when we are sick. Also when we get hurt, she gives us an ice pack or band aid. My mom gives us food. Please don't send my mom away because I need her. She is important to me.

In conclusion, I believe immigrants should stay. Why do you want to send immigrants away? Mr. Trump, how would you want to feel if people called you a criminal? Please don't say mean things about immigrants because I feel bad. Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely, A Third  
Grade Student

## My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

MARCH 30, 2017

Dear President Trump,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a third grade student from California. I believe that immigrants are good people and immigrants are not criminals. My mom works hard and got a better job. Immigrants work hard and make money. Some immigrants save lives, build houses, and help our country. Kids need their families to have a better life. If you separate families, who will take care of the kids? Kids need to be safe and have their parents. First, I believe immigrants are not criminals and immigrants are good people. Immigrants want to stay so they could have their kids. Immigrants want to have a free life. Immigrants are an important part of our country. Why don't you want immigrants to stay here?



Immigrants didn't do anything to you.  
Immigrants want to stay so they don't live  
in an old house. Immigrants are good people  
because they don't lie to you. Mr. Trump  
please don't lie to us. Please don't build  
the wall.

Second, I think ~~immigrants~~ immigrants are good  
people. Immigrants come here to have  
a better life and a better job. Immigrants  
come here to have their kids. Immigrants  
come here to see their families. Immigrants  
come here to take their kids to school.  
Immigrants come here to make their kids  
learn.

Third, I believe immigrants are good people  
because my ~~dad~~ dad is an immigrant and  
he is a good person. Why did you say  
immigrants <sup>are</sup> criminals if you are calling  
your wife a criminal? Your ancestors are immigrants too.



My dad came here to have a better job  
My dad came here to have a better  
life and a better future. My mom and dad  
came here to have me and my brother.  
I have two brothers and one sister ~~and~~ they  
were born here.

In conclusion, immigrants work hard and  
make money because they are hard workers.  
My mom ~~and~~ dad were asked permission  
to live here. If you send my parents to  
their country I will be sad. It will be  
sad if your family was gone ~~for~~ My parents  
spend most of their time in Mexico. If  
every body was the same and ~~like~~ like the  
same color this world will be boring. If  
you want to be a President you have to  
be good. And if you take away immigrants  
I will be worried if you are going to  
take my parents.

Thank you for reading this Letter  
Mr. President Trump. I hope you  
enjoy your days.

Sincerely A third  
Grade Student from  
California

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My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

April 3, 2017

Dear President Trump,

Hello, I am a third grade  
Student from USA. Why do you  
want to build a bigger wall?  
Immigrants come to USA to  
work and for a better life.  
Families should not be separated.  
Kids will suffer if they are taken  
from their parents.

First, I believe immigrants  
are good people because my mom and  
aunts are immigrants and they are  
good people. They are hard workers,  
and my whole family still are  
immigrants. If you kick out my  
family I am going to be sad.



Second, I believe you should  
not build a big wall because  
my dad's family is in Mexico.  
I want to visit Mexico, but I  
don't want to stay there. Also,  
people could go under the wall or  
on top of it. Immigrants are going  
to be sad if they can't go  
home, so if they cannot visit  
family.

In conclusion, immigrants are a person.  
If you build the wall, immigrants  
are going to be sad, so please don't  
build the wall. Immigrant families  
shouldn't be separated. Everyone  
should be treated the same. Thank  
you for reading my letter.

Sincerely

A smart student

My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

~~Dear~~ Dear president trump

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a third grade student from California and I am worried because you want to build a wall. My Mom is an immigrant and she is a hard worker. I don't want you to send family away. And I believe you shouldn't take immigrants away. They come to have a better life. If they take your family, how will you feel? I will feel sad if you take my family.

First, I believe you should take care of us because immigrants are lonely if you were lonely would. Feel? My Mom is a hard worker, and my dad is an immigrant too. Immigrants help communities why do you want to build a wall? I believe your wife is an immigrant, like your ancestors. You should help them by letting their parents stay.

Second, I think you should let family come out of their homes. My mom told me that if we go outside at night, the police could take us. This makes me feel worried. Next, I think that if you want to go to Mexico, they are going to treat you nicely and you are treating them badly. Do you want immigrants to treat you nicely? Good, some of your ancestors are immigrants. My mom is an immigrant and you can't separate her from me. I don't want you to send my mom away. My mom is a hard worker and if you send my mom away, you have to send me away too.

Third, I believe you shouldn't take immigrants because my family are immigrants and if you take my family, who will take care of me? And if you send immigrants, kids are not going to learn. And your ancestors are



~~immigrants~~ too! How would you feel if they take your family? And immigrants need to have a good future and their kids too. If your family were kicked out, how ~~would~~ you feel? I would feel sad if you take my family away.

In conclusion, <sup>if</sup> you send immigrants away, who will take care of kids? I believe your ancestors are immigrants too! So don't call my family criminals. They are ~~not~~ criminals. If your family was called criminals, how would you feel? I believe you ~~would~~ feel sad if they call your family like that. I am in 3rd grade, and I don't like the things that you are saying ~~mean~~ things. I believe kids need their family because ~~no one~~ <sup>no one</sup> else can take care of us. Who will take care of kids if their families are not here? Please let our family stay Mr. Trump.

Sincerely,

A smart student

## My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

3-29-2017Dear Mr. Trump,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a nine-year old male third grader from Hayward. I believe that immigrants are a very important part of our country. And I want you to believe that too, or else things can go very badly. Please understand that we need immigrants in our country because many people can suffer and die. Many immigrants have children. If you send them away where will the children go? NOW please understand that we need immigrants in our country.

First, I believe that immigrants are important because children can cry every day if their parents (who are immigrants) get separated from them. My mom is a citizen and an immigrant so she can't go, but she works very hard to take care for me and my sister. She also has an education and works

very hard in school and in the house. And my dad is not an immigrant but me and my sister can't live without our mother. And Two Hundred Ninety Five Thousand (295,000) babies born each year to an immigrant. So you want to take away the parents of One Million One Hundred Eighty thousand (1,180,000) children. Foster care can't hold that many kids so where will the children go? So please don't send immigrants away.

Second, I think immigrants help our country because they bring culture, food, music, and more. We don't have to go to china to get chinese food. Or go to india to buy indian clothes. That's why immigrants are important. Your ancestors were immigrants in the first place. Christopher Columbus made N.A (Native Americans) give him gold or else he'll kill them. Also why would you kick out immigrants when some have very important jobs, for example my uncle is an immigrant and he saves lives. He's a doctor and he cures sicknesses and helps a lot of people. And I assure you that he is not



a criminal. Do you see that immigrants can do amazing things. We need immigrants in our country.

Third, I believe that you shouldn't build a wall because Mexicans can go under it, or they can go over it. There's already a wall so if you're going to make it stronger it's a waste of money. Canada and like every single country can still go to the United States. Also the wall could cost over One Billion (1,000,000,000) dollars and you want Mexico to pay for it? You lead America not Mexico. Americans are building the wall so Mexicans shouldn't pay for something they're not even doing. Plus they don't want to do it! So I hope you change your mind about the wall.

In conclusion, I want Mr. Trump to respect All Americans including immigrants. Because immigrants are good, hard-working people, you should respect them. Also please don't send immigrants away because what would you do if your children and wife were taken away from you. And your wife is already an immigrant and you think that immigrants are criminals. Is your wife a criminal? Also please don't build a wall because there's already a wall. Plus, if you build a wall immigrants can still come here. Thank you for reading this letter. I hope you change your mind about the wall and immigrants.

Sincerely,

A Smart Student

My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March, 3/29/17

Dear Mr. President Trump,

I am a nine-year student. I am a girl and I am concerned about what is happening around me. I want to know what you are thinking about. If you are going to separate families. Why don't you talk with an immigrant and he or she can tell you some of his or her thoughts? If I were to be you I would do something good for the country. Why don't you, Mr. President Trump?

First, I believe that immigrants are hard working people. All my family are immigrants, and I know that they are really, really, really hard workers. Second I

Second of all, immigrants have children and they need to go to school for a

good education. If the parents are not here, who will take them to school? There is nobody that could take me to school.

Because all my familie are immigrants. I would be lonley if all my family went to Mexico. I do not want to go to foster care.

What happens if thoes people are mean to me. And are mean to the other kids, Mr: Trump? I have a lot of questions.

Second I belive that immigrants are good people because when they come to our country they make it a better place. Immigrants are good people, you should know that, because there are a lot of immigrants in the Contry. Immigrants Should stay here. why do you want to deport immigrants to their Countries.

Third I believe that you should not build a wall because if you build a wall people

Can just climb over it. People can still do that. They do it with the border. Also, if you do it you will just waste money. And why do you want the Mexicans to build the wall if it makes no sense? Why do you want to force them to build the wall if they do not even want to do it? You just want to force them, Mr. Trump?

In conclusion, I believe  
that you should not deport immigrants. If you  
deport immigrants. Who will take me to school?  
My familie are all immigrants. Again who  
will take me to school. Second of all, why would  
you like to build a wall? Third of all, why  
do you want to make the  
Mexicans pay for the wall Mr. Trump  
You should meet a Mexican. I know  
Mexicans are very, very, very hard  
workers. I am also hoping this letter  
will convince you, Mr. President Trump.

Thank you Mr. President Donald Trump

Sincerely,

A Smart student



## My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29 2017Dear president Trump

Hello, I am a Confident Student from California. I am scared if you take away my parents. And my parents are immigrants not criminals. And They're enjoying living here. They will love going back to their hometown, but they want to raise us here. And they're waiting for us to have a future here. And they want us to enjoy living here like they do.

First, I believe that you should not take away parents from children they need food from their parents. Their parents have to take their kids to school. Also, you can't put that many kids in foster care. Where

Will the Kids Stay IF you take their parents away? You can't leave many Kids homeless. Would you like living without your Kids?

Second, I think you shouldn't take away parents because they need each other. I think you shouldn't take away parents because they need to take care of their children. I think you shouldn't take parents away because they would feel bad without their children. I think you shouldn't take away parents because they need to take their children to school, ~~and~~ and they need to give their children food.

Third, I believe that you shouldn't separate families because they need each other. The kids need to eat from their parents. The kids need to go



to the doctor or dentist. And the parents need to buy clothes to their children. My brothers and I love our parents. We ~~wouldn't~~ couldn't live without them. And they also can't live without us.

In conclusion, I believe you shouldn't separate families, so please don't take away families. Mr. president, I would not like you to separate families because they need each other. If you separate me from my parents, I would feel sad. How would you feel if the separated you from your family? Sad right? please don't build because there is already one. please don't send immigrants away because they built this country and filled it up. So please consider this letter.

Sincerely,

A Confident Student

My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

Dear president Trump

Hello, I am a third grade Student From California. I worry about my Family. I believe that building a Wall is not right because Families have to be together. I believe that immigrants are good not bad. I believe that <sup>immigrants</sup> ~~immigrants~~ are good workers. My Family Wants to stay here.

First, I believe immigrants are good people and they come to work really hard. They also come so they can have a good future. my mom came so we can have a house. We came so I can go to school. I came so I can see my Family.



Second, I think my mom and dad should stay because they want to work. I am in third grade and my brother is in kinder. My mom is an immigrant and she is awesome. My dad always helps me. My mom gives me lots of things.

My parents love me so much that they don't want to separate from me. My brother loves me because I always help him with his homework. They don't want to go back to their country. Can you please stop being rude to immigrants. My mom and dad and brother work really hard.

Sincerely,

A smart student



In conclusion, I am asking you to please not build the wall. Please don't send immigrants back. Please don't say bad things to immigrants. Stop being rude to people. I believe that immigrants are good <sup>people</sup> ~~peeps~~ and good workers. Thank you so much for changing your mind.

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## My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

Dear President Trump,

I am a nine-year old student from California. And I believe that you shouldn't kick out immigrants. And I disagree with you.

First, when you send immigrants away you separate families. Second, immigrants came here for a better life not to be criminals.

And last how would you feel if they separated your family. Sad, right? That's how I would feel if you separated my family. I hope this letter convinces you not to kick out immigrants.

First, I believe that you shouldn't kick out immigrants because when you send immigrants away you separate families. Like my mom and dad came here to give me and my brother a better future. Immigrants are really hard-working people.

② Most immigrants came here to earn money and give it to families in other countries. If you kick out immigrants, there's not gonna be any jobs because most immigrants work in stores.

Second, I think you shouldn't kick out immigrants because they came here to give their kids a better future. Many immigrants bring new cultures and food. For example, Chinese food. Why do you want to kick out immigrants if they have 'did anything to you. How would you feel if you went to Mexico and no one was treating you nice. That's how your treating immigrants.

Third, I believe you shouldn't kick out immigrants because they're good people like my mom and dad. If you kick out immigrants, you had to kick out your wife because she is an immigrant too. BY the way, why do you have immigrants? Immigrants save lives. For example, some

⑦ immigrants are doctors and they save lives

Immigrants bring new foods and cultures

In conclusion I believe you shouldn't kick out immigrants, so please give permission so immigrants can stay. Please don't build a wall there is already a wall. You are just going to waste almost all your money. Please stop saying bad stuff about immigrants and my family. You scare me when you say that my parents came here to steal jobs and are criminals and when you say that they're bad people. Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope you change your mind about immigrants.

Sincerely,

A Smart Student



My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

03/29/17

Dear Mr. Trump,

I am a girl with two sisters. I live in California. I believe immigrants are good people, but you think they're criminals. Some people are not respecting you. It's because you're not telling us the truth. In this letter, I will talk about immigrants and what they do. I hope my letter changes your mind about immigrants.

First, I believe immigrants are good people because they work on the fields picking fruit. If immigrants didn't work on the fields we wouldn't



have fresh fruit or vegetables. Many people who work on the fields have to work the whole day out in the sun. Immigrants who work on the fields get low salaries for a long day of work.

Second, I think immigrants are good people because immigrants work hard for a better future for their children. If you were an immigrant, you would probably work hard for your kids. It's important to have a good future because we don't want kids' lives to be gloomy. When you were growing up, your parents probably worked hard for you too. My parents work hard for me and my sisters every day.

In conclusion immigrants are good people, so please let them stay. There are parents who brought their children to this country when they were little. Some of them are great student trying to accomplish the American dream. These parents work so hard to give them a bright future. Please help us by giving us permission to stay with our parents. About building an unnecessary wall that will cost you lots of money. Please be kind and generous.

Sincerely,  
The Girl who  
Wrote This Letter



# Introduction and #1

My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March, 29 2017

Dear Mr. Trump

Hello, I am a third grader from California. I believe that immigrants are not criminals. I love my family and it scares me when you say that you hate immigrants. My family is made up of immigrants except me and my brother. Wouldn't it be sad if you lost your family? I believe that - immigrants are hard workers. Immigrants come to help their families from other countries. Immigrants come to give their kids a better future. I hope you will change your mind about this.

First, I believe that immigrants come to get a job. My parents came to make money by getting a job. My parents work day and night. My mom works to give my family food and clothes. My dad works hard on planning

#2 and #3

presents for my family every year. My two sisters help me with my homework and my brother too.

Second, I believe that immigrants come to get a house because in their countries there is bad shelter. Didn't your wife and family come to get some good shelter too? I think it's important because they need good shelter. It's important because they need to stay warm. It's important because kids could die of sickness.

Third, I believe that it would be sad if you lost your family because it would be sad for me if I lost my family. My mom and dad will miss me if you take them away. My two sisters love me and it will hurt my feelings if you take them away too. If I stay with my brother where



## Conclusion

Will we go?

In conclusion, I believe that immigrants are not criminals. If you're calling immigrants criminals, you're calling your ancestors and wife criminals too. Your family and wife are hard workers right? Then it's the same with all the other immigrants. So please change your mind about immigrants.

Sincerely,

A smart

Student

## My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 24, 2017Dear President Trump

Hello, I am a third grade student from California. I am really worried about my family. I heard you say that you are building a wall. If you build a wall, you separate families. I want to know what are you doing with the families? Why are you taking families if they're not doing anything to you? Why do you want to build a wall if there is already one? Why do you want to build a wall if some people can climb the wall? Why do you want to build a wall if some people can make a tunnel?

First why do you want to separate families if they aren't criminals?

Why do you want to take families away? What if they take your family? How would you feel?

You know your wife is an immigrant and you have to send her away with other immigrants. ~~You~~ You wouldn't do that to your wife. Everyone wants to be with their family. ~~Send~~

Second, I think you should not take families because my mom is an immigrant and my brother and sisters are immigrants too. My brother ~~and~~ and I aren't immigrants and immigrants aren't criminals. If I were you I would not take immigrants away. If I were an immigrant, I would talk with you. Sending immigrant to Mexico doesn't help the people so you



doesn't help the people. So you should  
be a better President of the United  
States or then immigrants will feel  
sad

Why do you want to take families?  
you ~~are~~ aren't being nice to them. My mom  
is an immigrant and I don't want  
you to take her away. Who will  
take care of us, and who would  
take us to school? Immigrants are  
nice to people. I don't want my  
family to go to Mexico. My mom  
and dad are hard-working people.

In conclusion, I believe immigrants  
are good people. Please don't send  
families back to their countries. Mr  
President, I believe immigrants are good  
hard-working people. Also I am asking  
you not to build a wall because we



already have one. please be nice to  
the immigrants. Please don't take my  
family because who will take care of  
my brothers and sisters. please don't be  
mean to immigrants.

Sincerely,

A Smart Student

My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

Dear President Trump,

Hello, I hope this letter finds you well. I am a worried student about what you say. Immigrants are good people and they are not criminals. I believe you should not separate families because kids will cry. Don't build a wall because people want to stick together. Don't separate families because how will you feel if your ~~families~~ family was separated?

First, I believe that immigrants should stay because there good people and hard-working. For example, my parents work hard. My mom works cleaning houses. Also my dad and mom provide my sister my brother and me with food and a house. Also my dad works building houses. My parents are not ~~is~~ criminals. My parents have a job

and they didn't steal it. My parents came to the U.S. to have a better life.

Second, I think immigrants should stay because they're good people. Don't send parents away because where are we going to stay? Don't send immigrants because some teachers are immigrants and if you send teachers away I can't be smart. Other kids can't be smart either. Your wife is an immigrant and you want her to stay. How would you feel if they send your wife?

Third, I believe immigrants could stay because it's a free ~~set~~ ~~could~~ country. Mr. Trump your wife didn't pay to come so every one could stay. I think they could stay because without immigrants this country can't be healthy. I think immigrants could stay because they are a part of U.S.. I think immigrants could stay because they're important.



In conclusion, I believe immigrants are good people, so please don't send them back to their countries. Mr. President Trump, I will like if you don't lie. Also please don't build a wall because there's already a wall. Lastly, I would like if you don't call immigrants criminals. Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope that you will change your mind about immigrants.

Sincerely,

A smart student



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My Letter to President Trump – Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

Tuesday, March 28

Dear Mr. Trump

I am a nine year old third grader that is scared of the things you say. My parents work hard. I believe immigrants work hard and help people. Why do you say that immigrants are criminals? Your wife is an immigrants, are are you calling her a criminal? If you take families, kids will feel sad. How would you feel if your family is taken? How can you take families back to their countries? You don't have the power to send all immigrants back because they live here now.

First, I believe immigrants are hard working people. Immigrant want a better life for their kids and for themselves. Why do you want to send immigrants back to their country? Why are you calling immigrants criminals if they don't do anything to you? Why do you want to take immigrants good life?

Immigrants want a good future for their families and for us, too. You can't stop that, and I want a good future, too.

Second, if you were an immigrant, how would you feel if they call you a criminal? I don't want to feel sad when you kick out my family and friends. I want you to be a better person to the country, please. I work hard in school every day and my family, ~~too~~, works hard, too. Why do you say bad things to us if we don't say anything to you. Mr. Trump why are you making immigrants lives so sad and not safe and sound?

Third, my dad works hard and he is always tired to get money. If you kick out my dad, he is not going to get money. My mom works hard also and ~~and~~ studies too. Why do you want to take people's work if they don't take your work? Mr. Trump, please don't take

my family because I love my family  
and I don't want them to go away.

In conclusion I believe immigrants are good  
people. Mr. Trump, please don't send immigrants  
back to their countries. Please don't say  
~~immigrants~~ bad things about immigrants. Mr. President,  
thank you so much for reading this  
letter. I hope you change your mind  
about immigrant, thank you Mr. president.

Sincerely,

A Third Grade Student



My Letter to President Trump - Mi Carta al Presidente Trump

March 29, 2017

Dear Mr. Trump,

Hello I am a smart student worried about immigrants. I believe immigrants are good people and lifted the U.S. Immigrants just come for a better future. Also they come to make money to help their families. And immigrants don't steal jobs because sometimes they make their own work. Also my dad has a job and he earns money without stealing. Next immigrants come not to be bad because my parents are immigrants and they work hard. I hope I convince you to stop sending immigrants back.

First, I believe immigrants lifted the U.S. because they build a lot of houses for people. Also immigrants are not bad because my parents are immigrants and they are not criminals. Next, my sister and I work hard. For example, we work hard in school and we have good grades.

I also have a question. What will happen to the kids? And why do you want to build a wall if there is already one?

Second, I think you are doing the wrong thing because you are sending immigrants back. But not all immigrants are bad. And immigrants are good people because they help our community. Also if you do mean things to immigrants they are not going to respect you. I also wonder what will you do if they do the same thing to you? Yes it feels the same way if they do it to you.

Third I believe why do you hate immigrant if you are an immigrant? And what will happen to the kids? You can't just put them in foster care. Also don't you send my parents back my sister and I need our parent because they brought us to the world. And don't you

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like your ancestors? Well if you don't you should because your ancestors brought people to the world until your mom was born. So if you don't like your ancestors you don't like your mom. And your ancestors were immigrants!

In conclusion I believe I would be sad if I would be in foster care without my parents. Can you atleast try to think if you would be us it would feel the same way. And please stop sending immigrants back to their country so they could help their families. Also please respect immigrants by not being mean. Next please really try to think what it would be like if you would be us. Last can you stop scaring people with what you are talking about.

Sincerely,

A Smart  
Student



March 28 de marzo

Dear Mr. Trump

I am a third grad student and I am really worried about my family because I don't want to be separated. I herd you say that immigrants are criminals. They are not criminals. I believe you shouldn't build a wall because it separates families. Immigrants are good people because they bring cultures to this country. If you separate my perants from me, who will take care of me and my brother? We also won't have somewere to live.

My perants are hard-working people and they didn't steal a job. Immigrants work-hard to have their own businesses. My perants work-hard so they could buy me what I need. Immigrants are good prople.

My mom works-hard so my brother and I could have a better future. I heard you say you will build a wall. Why are you going to build a wall if there is already a wall? If you build a wall, you are just going to separate families.

I think you shouldn't build a wall because it separates families. Kids need their parents to survive. How would you feel if someone separated you from your family? Everybody is probably sad because you are going to build a wall that separates families.

My teacher taught me Chinese language because someone taught her, and she taught me. Many people speak different languages to communicate their ideas and beliefs. Without languages, we would not be able to learn from each other. Also

I think the wall is a waste of money. Building this will cost a huge amount of debt. Immigrants are not fully adapted to the American culture. This causes kids who are unfamiliar with America to get a job.

In conclusion, I believe that you shouldn't send immigrants away. Mr. President, I would like you to please not build a wall. Also, please don't separate families. Lastly, please don't send immigrants away to their countries because they bring cultures to our country. Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope that you will change your mind about immigrants.

Sincerely,

A Confident  
Student



## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Charlie Peters**

## **Assembly Democrat stripped of committee chairmanship after voting against gas tax increase**

***By Alexei Koseff / Sacramento Bee / April 18, 2017***

Nearly two weeks after breaking with fellow Democrats to vote against a bill raising California fuel taxes, Assemblyman Rudy Salas of Bakersfield has lost the chairmanship of a prime legislative committee.

On Monday, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced that he had removed Salas from his position heading the politically lucrative Assembly Business and Professions Committee, which handles consumer regulations, occupational licensing and product labeling bills.

Assemblyman Evan Low, D-Campbell, will take over as the committee chair, while Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, D-Thousand Oaks, will get Salas' vacancy. Salas was moved to the Assembly Rules Committee, which assigns bills to relevant policy committees and makes other decisions to administer the house.

Rendon, who called Salas "a very good friend of mine, a longtime friend of mine, a very valuable member of our caucus," did not directly address the connection between Salas' vote and the committee changes.

"We've had a lot of success and I wanted to make sure we continue to have success," Rendon said. "Obviously, it's my prerogative to make changes from time to time."

Salas, one of the more centrist Democrats in the Assembly, was the sole member of his caucus to vote against Senate Bill 1, which will increase the gas tax and add a new vehicle registration

fee to pay for road repairs, public transit and other projects. His defection momentarily caused chaos in the chamber, as the measure stalled short of passage and colleagues rushed to convince several wavering members to vote for the plan without Salas.

Discussing his vote publicly for the first time, Salas said in an interview that he opposed SB 1 because of a campaign promise that he would not support any new taxes unless they went before voters for approval.

"Mr. Speaker respected my commitment to my families and I told him I'd respect his decision," said Salas, who shared a hug with Rendon on the Assembly floor Monday. "I can deal with someone being upset. I'm more worried about what the families in my district will have to endure now."

Punishment is not uncommon for legislators who cross their party leadership. Former Assemblywoman Nicole Parra, D-Hanford, was famously booted to an office across the street from the Capitol after abstaining on a budget vote in 2008. In 2011, then-Assemblyman Anthony Portantino of La Cañada Flintridge accused the then-speaker of slashing his office funding for being the lone Democratic holdout on the budget.

So far, Sen. Steve Glazer of Orinda, the sole Democrat to vote against SB 1 in the Senate, has avoided similar retribution from Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León.

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