

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT  
- July 13, 2021 -  
BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION**

July 6, 2021 - Members Met: (Co-Chairs) F. Briones & D. Igelsrud, (Committee) A. Ambriz, C. Avanesian, C. Brown, V. Castellano, D. Evans, L. Gross, J. Hays, P. Kujawsky, D. Mazzeo, D. Reik, J. Stapleton, S. Sukaton, M. Sutter, C. Wilson & A. Wiwuga

**AB 364 (Asm. Freddie Rodriguez (D)):**

**Foreign Labor Contractor Registration: Agricultural Workers - SUPPORT**

This bill, extends the foreign labor contractor provisions in existing law to all contractors of foreign labor, including farm labor contractors who contract for foreign labor, by deleting a provision that expressly limits the law's application to "nonagricultural" workers and that expressly exempts farm labor contractors.

**AB 937 (Asms. Wendy Carrillo (D), Ash Kalra (D) & Miguel Santiago (D)):**

**Immigration Enforcement - SUPPORT**

This bill eliminates the existing ability under the Values Act for law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal immigration authorities by giving them notification of release for inmates or facilitating inmate transfers. Prohibits all state and local agencies from assisting, in any manner, the detention, deportation, interrogation, of an individual by immigration enforcement. Major Provisions: 1) Specifies that a state or local agency shall not arrest or assist with the arrest, confinement, detention, transfer, interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose in any manner; 2) States that the prohibition described above shall apply notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the California Values Act, as specified, which allowed law enforcement to cooperate with immigration authorities in limited circumstances; 3) Prohibits a state or local agency or court from using immigration status as a factor to deny or to recommend denial of probation or participation in any diversion, rehabilitation, mental health program, or placement in a credit-earning program or class, or to determine custodial classification level, to deny mandatory supervision, or to lengthen the portion of supervision served in custody; 4) Specifies that a state or local agency or official that violates the provisions of this bill is liable for actual and general damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

**AB 1171 (Asms. Cristina Garcia (D) & Evan Low (D)):**

**Rape Of A Spouse - SUPPORT**

This bill would repeal the provisions relating to spousal rape and make conforming changes, thereby making an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a spouse punishable as rape if the act otherwise meets the definition of rape. By changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Additionally, the bill would remove the exemption for spousal rape or any other felony conviction and would instead exempt only misdemeanor convictions from that notification.

**SB 727 (Sen. Connie Leyva (D):****Labor-Related Liabilities: Direct Contractor - SUPPORT**

This bill as of Jan. 1, 2022, would modify existing law by expressly making the direct contractor liable for both the actual wages owed and any additional civil penalties or “liquidated damages,” but only if the direct contractor fails to comply with all of the following: (1) periodically review of subcontractor payroll records; (2) take corrective action against any known violations, including withholding payments due to the subcontractor; and (3) before making final payment to the subcontractor, obtain from the subcontractor an affidavit, signed under penalty of perjury, that all wages, benefits, and contributions have been paid. In short, the bill creates a “safe harbor” that would allow direct contractors to avoid civil penalties and liquidated damages altogether, even though they will remain liable for actual damages that is the amount of the unpaid or underpaid wages so that the worker will be compensated for work performed.

**HR 4237 (Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D) [MA-07]):****Tenant Empowerment Act of 2021 - SUPPORT**

This bill will empower tenants with the tools they need to hold HUD and providers accountable for poor housing conditions and improve the quality of their homes by: 1) Enabling tenants living in project-based housing to hold their rent contribution in escrow if HUD determines a unit is in serious violation of safe housing standards with the option of a negotiated rent release if the project owner reaches measurable repairs benchmarks; 2) Providing them with the right to judicial enforcement of project owner agreements with HUD to ensure they address serious violations of housing standards or repeated violations of other program requirements, including the rights of residents to organize; 3) Increasing transparency to residents by enabling them to access certain building information, including property management, annual operating statement of profits and loss, management reviews, inspection reports, and capital needs assessments; 4) Funding tenant participation services, such as outreach and training of tenants and technical assistance; 5) Extending right to organize protections to tenants in project-based voucher buildings; 6) Establishing a national repair and deduct policy for housing choice voucher holders; 7) Providing tenants with a seat at the table by allowing them to participate in certain portions of HUD’s physical inspection and management review process; and 8) Instituting measures that would ensure tenants’ rental assistance payments are uninterrupted in case of a foreclosure.