



## **CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Support for Households in Immigration Emergencies & Legal Defense (SHIELD)

**MEETING DATE:** January 27, 2026

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### **REQUEST:**

The City Council is requested to approve allocating \$25,000.00 towards free legal aid consultations to City of Commerce residents in need.

### **BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION :**

The proposed Legal Aid fund will assist Commerce residents in being able to receive consultations from a qualified immigration attorney who can provide counseling and education to residents impacted by immigration enforcement. The funds will support the legal services of an immigration law attorney with whom the City has an existing contract with to provide these services to Commerce residents.

If approved, staff will utilize the approved funding to cover costs associated with initial counseling and guidance for Commerce residents.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve staff recommendation; and/or
2. Provide further direction to staff

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the City Council will authorize a one-time appropriation of \$25,000 from the City's Project Management Fund, an assigned fund balance designated for one-time expenditures, to support free legal aid consultations to the City of Commerce residents.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment A: Resolution

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