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The **City Council** today rescinded a measure declaring **Los Angeles** a **sanctuary** for political refugees after opponents argued that it was an invitation to illegal aliens to break the **law**.

But the **Council** unanimously approved a compromise measure that reaffirms the **city's** policy of not reporting to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the legal status of crime victims, witnesses or those receiving certain social services.

"There's no justification for us to unilaterally violate Federal **law**," said **City** Councilman Ernani Bernardi, who led the move to repeal the measure.

Councilman Mike Woo, who wrote the original resolution, said he was willing to compromise to avoid a backlash of anti-immigrant sentiment.

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