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LEN LEHMAN For The Times
LONGTIME Police Chief Daryl F. Gates, left, shaped the LAPD's tolerant approach to policing immigrants with Special Order 40.

ORDERS AT ODDS

Trump puts LAPD policy on immigrants back in focus

By Doug Smith

Longtime Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates built a reputation with aggressive policing programs that may have made the city safer but also cast a shadow of repression over its citizens, especially blacks and Latinos.

But in 1979, responding to the influx of illegal immigration, it was Gates who issued the policy that has since defined a tolerant posture toward the immigrant community — a policy employed by the LAPD and scores of other law enforcement agencies across the nation.

Special Order 40 prohibited officers from initiating contact with anyone for the sole purpose of learning their immigration status and ruled out arrests for violation of U.S. immigration law.

Its purpose was to build trust so that fear of deportation would not dissuade immigrants who were crime victims or witnesses from cooperating with police.

The policy has faced repeated attacks both from factions within the



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PRESIDENT Trump's executive order urging local police to cooperate with federal immigration officials conflicts with the LAPD's long-standing policy.

LAPD as well as anti-immigration activists who have challenged it on constitutional and practical grounds, saying it gives a free pass to criminals in the country illegally.

It now is facing renewed scrutiny as President Trump pushes a new crack-down on illegal immigration. Details are not fully developed, but Trump has said he wants local law enforcement to cooperate with federal immigration officials and has threatened to cut off federal funding to those who don't.

Like a long line of Los Angeles leaders before them, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Police Chief Charlie Beck have stood up for Special Order 40, even as it faces a potential threat under the new president's executive order issued Jan. 25.

Special Order 40's survival for nearly 40 years is based on Gates' conception of the rule as a policing tool, not an immigration policy.

A law-and-order police chief crafting a policy that protects immigrants lacking proper pa-

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When beach trip is out of budget

Visiting the coast has become too expensive for the average family, a study finds. A bill aims to lower costs.

BY DAN WEIKEL

Some coastal property owners have always tried to keep the beach to themselves, illegally blocking public access to the surf and sand with locked gates and fake "no parking" signs.

Still, most of California's 1,100-mile coast is open to everyone who can get there.

Increasingly, however, many Californians' access to their beaches is blocked not by chain link but by the rising costs of a coastal outing.

Now there's a push to address that.

"I grew up in a working-class family and got to enjoy the beach," said Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego). "There was easy access then. Now, people who grow up like I did don't have that opportunity. Even for a middle-class family it can be cost-prohibitive to enjoy the beach."

On Monday, Gonzalez introduced a bill that would require the California State Coastal Conservancy to create a program to preserve and increase affordable lodging along the coast, particularly in state parks.

Her measure comes on the heels of UCLA and San Francisco State studies showing that the cost of visiting the beach and staying there is becoming too expensive for many families.

"This new research shows that we are at a tipping point where deciding to visit the coast is a close call for most Californians, given the cost," said Jon Christensen, the study's co-author and a researcher at UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

The report, "The Cost of Visiting the Coast Keeps Many Californians Away," was released in late January.

Researchers found, for

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L.A.'s diversity defies

