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Resolution Prohibiting the Use of City Facilities and City Property Related to Immigration-Related Enforcement Activities and Directing the City Manager to Develop Citywide Policies in Support of this Resolution

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** prohibiting the use of City facilities and City property related to immigration enforcement activities and directing the City Manager to develop citywide polices in support of this resolution.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution on the Prohibition of the Use of City Facilities and City Property Related to Immigration Enforcement Activities
- 3-Updated Immigration Platform

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Given recent and anticipated expansions of federal immigration enforcement during the current administration, the Law and Legislation committee discussed and directed staff to bring forward a resolution prohibiting the use of City facilities and City property for immigration-related enforcement activities and that directs the City Manager to develop citywide policies supporting this resolution.

Policy Considerations: The resolution supports the City Council's commitment to the updated Immigration Platform and provides legislative and programmatic direction consistent with the California Values Act (SB 54).

Economic Impacts: Adoption of this resolution will support immigrant families who reside in the City

to remain in Sacramento. Immigrants play a vital role in construction and food sectors, and any significant loss or reduction of this workforce could harm several industries.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that do not constitute a “project” as defined by section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and is otherwise exempt pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: This item passed at Law and Legislation Committee on February 10, 2026.

Rationale for Recommendation: Immigrants comprise a significant portion of Sacramento’s population, and the City has long benefited from being one of the most integrated and diverse in the United States. Sacramento has a strong history of reaching out and welcoming people of diverse backgrounds and immigration status.

At the January 27, 2026, City Council Meeting, City Council updated its Immigration Platform, reaffirming that the City of Sacramento is a city of refuge for immigrants of all nationalities and beliefs; and adopting a citywide Immigration Platform and policy.

On February 10, the Law and Legislation Committee discussed a proposal to prohibit the use of City property for civil immigration-related enforcement activity, establish implementation and reporting procedures for City departments, and provide optional standardized signage and informational materials for private property owners. Staff was directed to review these items and return to City Council.

As federal enforcement activities have expanded, many cities across the country have restricted or prohibited access to city property for immigration-related enforcement activities.

The resolution brought forward in this report prohibits the use of City facilities and City property for such activities and directs the development of policies related to:

- Providing free signage for private property owners who wish to restrict civil immigration-related enforcement activity
- Recordkeeping and oversight of civil Immigration-related enforcement involving City Property
- Rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the resolution

Upon approval, staff will begin developing the necessary policies, processes, procedures, and signage.

Financial Considerations: The potential financial impacts of these policies and programs are not

yet quantified, as they may affect federal resources available to the City.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

DATE

A Resolution Directing the City Manager to Prohibit the Use of City Facilities and City Property, Related to Immigration-Related Enforcement Activities.

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento (“City”) has a longstanding commitment to welcoming people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds. Immigrants have consistently shown dedication to both the City and the United States, and their contributions have strengthened the community. Sacramento affirms the value of all families who reside here, including those of immigrant origin.
- B. The federal government has implemented broad immigration-enforcement measures that increased detentions, removals, and criminal prosecutions of noncitizens. These measures expanded the use of expedited-removal procedures and sought greater cooperation from state and local governments. Numerous advocacy, legal, and oversight organizations have expressed concerns that these actions may raise due-process issues, create unequal impacts on immigrant communities, and reduce public trust in local law enforcement.
- C. The City maintains a strong interest in promoting transparency, ensuring accountability, and protecting constitutional and civil rights in all law-enforcement interactions within its jurisdiction.
- D. Immigration-enforcement encounters, and enforcement actions carried out by individuals who are masked or operating unmarked vehicles, pose increased risks of confusion, infringement of individual rights, threats to public safety, and weakened public confidence in law enforcement. Such practices may also undermine the integrity of police operations.
- E. The City Council finds that to reaffirm the City’s commitment to protection of civil liberties, and to promote trust between the City and the immigrant community, the City Manager shall restrict access to City properties for purposes of civil immigration-related enforcement activities.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. **Purpose and Intent:** The purpose of this Resolution is to direct the City Manager to adopt a Citywide Policy to restrict the use of City Property to conduct any civil immigration-related enforcement activity to protect the civil rights of all residents and preserve community trust.
- Section 2. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Resolution:
1. "Immigration-related" means any investigation, detention, arrest or removal action by federal, state or other personnel purporting to enforce civil immigration laws or detain individuals on civil immigration-related grounds.
 2. "Enforcement Activity" includes any detention, arrest, or investigative action undertaken by individuals purporting to exercise law-enforcement authority in civil immigration enforcement operations.
 3. "City Property" refers to any real property or facility owned or by the City, such as any parking lot, vacant lot, garage, or building.
- Section 3. The City Manager shall develop a citywide policy prohibiting the use of City Property for civil immigration-related enforcement activity.
- Section 4. The City Manager shall develop a citywide policy to offer free signage to private property owners who seek to restrict civil immigration-related enforcement activity on their property.
- Section 5. The City Manager shall develop a citywide policy for recordkeeping and oversight of civil immigration-related incidents involving City Property.
- Section 6. The City Manager shall develop protocols to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.
- Section 7. **Budget:** The City Manager is hereby authorized to use any and all appropriate funding within her budgetary authority to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.
- Section 8. **Compliance with Federal Law:** Nothing in this Chapter is intended to impede lawful federal operations or to prohibit compliance with a judicial warrant, court order, or other legally binding mandate.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on Month, 20XX, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-0018

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 27, 2026

An Update to the City of Sacramento's Legislative and Programmatic Support for Immigrants and Refugees

BACKGROUND

- A. Sacramento has a long-standing history of embracing diversity, which is the foundation of America's strength. We uphold the fundamental principles of inclusion and unity with respect for the rule of law and the value of human dignity.
- B. Sacramento is a major resettlement destination for immigrants and refugees who provide important economic and cultural benefits to our community.
- C. The City respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all its residents, regardless of immigration status. Fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between City employees and all residents is essential to the City's core mission of ensuring public health, safety, and welfare, and serving the needs of everyone in the community.
- D. The City seeks to protect public safety, which is founded on, and dependent on, trust and cooperation between community residents and local law enforcement. The City has enacted numerous non-discrimination policies and modern police practices to strengthen communities and to build trust between communities and local law enforcement. However, this trust is threatened by federal immigration enforcement activity, instilling fear in immigrant communities to come forward to report crimes and cooperate with local law enforcement agencies.
- E. Considering the recent and anticipated expansion of federal immigration enforcement activity, updating the City's Immigration Platform is important to reaffirm that Sacramento is a city of refuge for immigrants of all nationalities and beliefs.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Purpose and Intent. This Resolution is to update and adopt the City's Immigration Platform that establishes and guides the policy and legislative agenda for the City on immigration-related matters.

SECTION 2.

Exhibit A is part of this Resolution.

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Exhibit A – Immigration Platform

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on January 27, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Dickinson, Guerra, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Pluckebaum, Talamantes, and Vang

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor McCarty

Attest:  02/09/2026

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
IMMIGRATION PLATFORM
XX/XX/XXXX

Platform Overview

Sacramento has a long-standing history of embracing diversity which is the foundation of America's strength. We uphold the fundamental principles of inclusion and unity with respect for the rule of law and the value of human dignity. Sacramento is a major resettlement destination for refugees; in the past decades, thousands have fled violent conflict and found new homes in the City and the surrounding Sacramento region. Opening doors for those escaping war and oppression does not endanger our security; immigrants and refugees provide important economic and cultural benefits to our community.

General Policy Statements

As a city dependent upon the success of our immigrant residents, the City of Sacramento will:

- Uphold our values by honoring the tradition of providing a safe place for immigrants seeking a life of freedom and opportunity;
- Ensure that the fundamental rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and by the California Constitution apply to every person in our city;
- Ensure that the City will protect the rights of all residents to peacefully assemble in protest on public spaces;
- Uphold the rights of all its residents, including the right to equal treatment under the law, the right to due process, and the right to liberty;
- Uphold the right to peaceably assemble including the ability to picket, chant, distribute literature, and gather in public areas;
- Uphold the rights of residents to record and otherwise document interactions with immigration and customs enforcement officers;
- Protect and preserve the right to free speech in and around the area surrounding the John Moss Federal Building, enshrining First Amendment activities;

- Consistent with the California Value's Act (SB 54), 2017, ensure there is no access to City data or information that can be used to determine or trace a person's Citizenship or Immigration Status by any Immigration enforcement agent. Additionally, to the extent permitted by law, no City official, employee, contractor or agent of the City shall provide any City data or information that can be used to determine or trace a person's Citizenship or Immigration Status;
- Support the efforts of local resettlement organizations that help refugee families establish new lives in Sacramento;
- Support efforts that maximize educational opportunities for all immigrant students, including access to public education and financial assistance as an investment in our collective future;
- Support efforts to provide educational opportunities in English instruction and cultural immersion;
- Support efforts to provide equal access to housing for all immigrants and condemn any xenophobic or racist conduct that denies equal housing to all, including a landlord's inquiry into the citizenship or immigration status of a tenant or prospective tenant;
- Support efforts to promote available government services to immigrant communities;
- Encourage the cooperation of state and local law enforcement with immigrant communities in the interest of public safety;
- Oppose any authorization of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers impersonating local law enforcement officers, or misrepresenting facts or law, as it works against immigrant and local law enforcement cooperation;
- Oppose efforts by law enforcement agencies that abuse discretion including, but not limited to, unfairly targeting, threatening, intimidating, or otherwise harassing people because of their citizenship and/or immigration status;
- Oppose local law enforcement agencies acting in conjunction with federal immigration law enforcement to investigate, arrest, or detain persons on the basis of alleged violation(s) of the civil provisions of federal immigration laws or of other non-violent crimes;
- Oppose the abuse of authority by federal law enforcement officers—including, but not limited to, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents—who engage in discriminatory practices under the guise of immigration or public safety enforcement. Specifically, we reject actions that involve the targeting, threatening, intimidation, detention, or arrest of individuals based solely on race, language, national origin, or

occupation;

- The above practices not only undermine constitutional protections but also erode community trust and foster fear among immigrant and marginalized communities. Enforcement decisions must be guided by lawful standards, individualized suspicion, and respect for due process—not by bias, profiling, or perceived immigration status;
- Absent narrow exemptions, support policies against the use of face-concealing masks by all law enforcement officers—including those from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)—during operations to detain or question individuals believed to be undocumented immigrants. The broad practice of obscuring officers’ identities during all enforcement operations without compelling justification undermines public trust, accountability, and transparency;
- Support the federal VISIBLE Act (Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement)¹, which would require federal immigration enforcement agents to clearly display agency affiliation and identifying information, while banning the use of face coverings that obscure identity—except when necessary for health, safety, or covert operations;
- Support litigation aimed at preventing unconstitutional, warrantless stops that disproportionately target immigrant communities based on race, ethnicity, language, or perceived immigration status;
- Oppose scapegoating, racial profiling, religious profiling, bigotry, vigilantism, exploitation, and any other xenophobic conduct;
- Denounce actions, by government or otherwise, that keep undocumented immigrants in the shadows of our society;
- Encourage residents to report abuses and crimes among or against immigrants without fear for reporting such abuse;
- Ensure law enforcement can continue to investigate criminal activity, including but not limited to, human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of illegal narcotics, and violent crimes. In all other respects, City officials, employees and agents may continue to comply with lawfully issued judicial warrants or subpoenas and cooperate with federal authorities to protect public safety. This collaboration includes, but is not limited to, participation in joint criminal investigations that are permitted under City policy and applicable federal or state law;
- Send a national message of unity and inclusion by joining the United States Welcoming Cities and Counties Network¹; and

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/2212/text>

- Support national efforts on comprehensive immigration reform that fixes our nation's broken immigration system, improves border security, prioritizes enforcement so we are targeting criminals - not families, keeps families together, and strengthens our economy.

¹ <https://welcomingamerica.org/welcoming-network/network-directory>