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An Ordinance Adding Chapter 12.73 of the Sacramento City Code, Relating to the Restriction of City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement [Majority Vote Required] [In Lieu of Pass for Publication Ordinance to be Published in its Entirety]

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Pass a **Motion** by a majority vote to bypass the Law and Legislation Committee pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure section 13.B.1.b.ii; and 2) adopt an **Ordinance** adding Chapter 12.73 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the restriction of city property for civil immigration enforcement, to be published in its entirety within ten days of adoption per City Charter section 32(d).

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2. Resolution No. 2026-0101
- 2-Ordinance

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. On April 28, 2026, Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-0101 directing the City Manager to prohibit the use of City facilities and City property for immigration enforcement activities. This item would adopt an ordinance implementing Resolution No. 2026-0101.

Policy Considerations: The ordinance supports the 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 ordinance will support immigrant families who reside in the City in their efforts 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: A resolution prohibiting the use of City facilities and City property for immigration-related enforcement activities 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.

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

At the January 27, 2026, Council Meeting, Council updated its Immigration Platform, reaffirming that the City of Sacramento is a city of refuge for immigrants of all nationalities and beliefs; and adopted a citywide Immigration Platform and policy. On April 28, 2026, Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-0101 prohibiting the use of City facilities and City property for immigration-related enforcement activities.

The ordinance brought forward in this report:

- Implements Resolution No. 2026-0101 directing the City Manager to prohibit the use of City facilities and City property for immigration enforcement activities;
- Supplements existing City immigration policies, including Resolution 2017-0158 (Sanctuary City Resolution) and Resolution 2026-0018 (City's Immigration Platform) to protect public safety and promote community trust; and
- Ensures that City-owned or City-controlled property is not used to support civil immigration enforcement activities except when mandated by a judicial warrant or court order.

Upon adoption, staff will develop policies, processes, and procedures to implement this chapter.

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 2026-0101

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 28, 2026

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:

- A. "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.
- B. "Enforcement Activity" includes any detention, arrest, or investigative action undertaken by individuals purporting to exercise law-enforcement authority in civil immigration enforcement operations.
- C. "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 April 28, 2026, by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Pluckebaum

Attest:  05/06/2026

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.

ORDINANCE NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

[Date Adopted]

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 12.73 TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE,
RELATING TO THE RESTRICTION OF CITY PROPERTY FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION
ENFORCEMENT**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 12.73 is hereby added to the Sacramento City Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 12.73 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR CIVIL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

12.73.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to (1) implement Resolution No. 2026-0101, which directed the city manager to prohibit the use of city facilities and city property for immigration enforcement activities; (2) supplement existing city immigration policies, including Resolution No. 2017-0158 (Sanctuary City Resolution) and Resolution No. 2026-0018 (City’s Immigration Platform), to protect public safety and promote community trust; and (3) ensure that city-owned or city-controlled property is not used to support civil immigration enforcement activities except when mandated by a judicial warrant or court order.

12.73.020 Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this chapter:

“City property” means any real property, land, building, facility, structure, or space owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the city that is not open to the public.

“Civil immigration enforcement” means any investigation, detention, arrest, surveillance, monitoring, questioning, information-gathering, or operational activity undertaken for the primary purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws.

“Judicial warrant or court order” means a warrant or order issued by a federal or state judge or magistrate.

“Surveillance” means observing, recording, monitoring, or collecting information about individuals for civil immigration enforcement purposes, including through cameras, license plate readers, drones, or other technologies.

12.73.030 Prohibited uses of city property.

Except as provided in section 12.73.040, no city property may be used for staging civil immigration enforcement operations; for processing, interviewing, or temporarily detaining individuals for civil immigration enforcement; for surveillance or monitoring activities related to civil immigration enforcement; or for use as an operations base, coordination point, or logistical hub for civil immigration enforcement.

12.73.040 Exceptions.

Nothing in this chapter prevents the city or any city employee from complying with a judicial warrant or court order. Nothing in this chapter restricts criminal law enforcement activities on city property where civil immigration enforcement is not the primary purpose.

12.73.050 Implementation.

The city manager, in consultation with the city attorney, shall develop any administrative procedures necessary to implement this chapter. City departments shall receive training, as necessary, regarding the requirements of this chapter and any applicable administrative procedures.

12.73.060 Enforcement; no private right of action.

This chapter does not create or form the basis of liability on the part of the city or any city department, agency, official, or employee, nor does it create a private right of action against the city or any city personnel.

12.73.070 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this chapter. The city council declares that it would have enacted this

chapter and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, and word irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words be declared invalid.