
PRESS RELEASE

Official Statement from the City of Downey Regarding Reports of Federal Immigration Activity

Downey, CA. - June 12, 2025: On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents were conducting enforcement operations within various areas of the City of Downey.

For clarification, the Downey Police Department does not assist or collaborate with ICE in these operations in accordance with the California Values Act (SB 54), California TRUST Act (AB 4), and the California TRUTH Act (AB 2792), as well as Government, Penal, and Health and Safety Codes. The Downey Police Department also does not interfere or obstruct federal law enforcement activities. Doing so is a violation of the law.

The Department remains committed to maintaining public safety and is prepared to respond to any illegal or unsafe activity that may arise during these enforcement operations, as it would in any situation impacting community safety.

The City has also received multiple reports and seen coverage on social media of federal enforcement activity. The City of Downey is not provided details of these activities as federal agencies are not required to report their operations to the City.

The City of Downey understands that such a time may cause concern and anxiety among residents. Community members are reminded to please exercise their First Amendment rights peacefully and lawfully, without causing harm to others or damage to public or private property. The City would like to thank those who demonstrated peacefully along Firestone Boulevard on

the evening of June 11. We appreciate the community's commitment to making their voices heard in a productive and considerate manner.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and seek information from verified and trusted sources. Official City communication channels include the City of Downey website and verified social media accounts. Additionally, if you believe a loved one may have been detained by federal agents, you can search for them or request information through the ICE Detainee Locator here: locator.ice.gov.

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