

RESOLUTION NO. 25-8314

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY
REGARDING RECENT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN DOWNEY BY THE
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, elected officials throughout Los Angeles County have expressed concern about recent immigration enforcement actions in their local jurisdictions by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency ("ICE") and specifically the manner in which these actions have been carried out; and

WHEREAS, the activities by ICE in Downey and nearby jurisdictions have disrupted public safety and prompted fear in the local immigrant communities, amidst reports of enforcement activities at homes, schools, places of work, places of worship, and other public areas; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports in the media and elsewhere of aggressive tactics used by ICE agents, including the use of face coverings, plain clothes attire, unmarked vehicles, other identity concealment, and unwarranted force; and

WHEREAS, the immigration enforcement actions and presence of large numbers of ICE agents in the region have caused fear, uncertainty, distress, and disruption among many community members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Downey empathizes with and supports all community members who are feeling fear and uncertainty because of recent enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Downey is actively working to identify services, programs, and partnerships to help protect, inform, and assist our most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, while the City Council recognizes that the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction over the enforcement of immigration law, and that the City may not either assist or interfere with immigration enforcement activities, the City Council wishes to do everything within its authority to ensure that ICE activities are carried out in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Downey Police Department does not participate in or assist with immigration enforcement activities by ICE; and

WHEREAS, based on earlier indications by federal authorities, the expectation by local jurisdictions was that recent enforcement efforts would primarily target criminals and violent offenders and while this has occurred, there are also reports of uneven enforcement and detention and arrest of individuals without criminal records or who are lawfully present in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the uncertainty, anxiety, and fear expressed by many members of the community in response to the increased ICE activity, and recognizes its responsibility to speak out against practices that undermine the well-being and cohesion of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council calls upon its federal elected representatives to demand that ICE and all other immigration enforcement officers conduct enforcement operations with all appropriate due process and specifically refrain from the use of masks, plain clothes attire, other identity concealment, unmarked vehicles, and unnecessary force, where these tactics are not warranted.

SECTION 3. The City Council calls upon its federal elected representatives to demand that ICE agents target only individuals who are in violation of federal immigration law and have a criminal history.

SECTION 4. City staff is hereby directed to maintain and update the "Know Your Rights" webpage on the City's website that provides links to immigration resources and includes frequently asked questions and answers regarding immigration enforcement activities.

SECTION 5. The City Council reminds the community that the City and its Police Department have no jurisdiction over the enforcement of federal immigration law and that federal authorities have repeatedly admonished localities not to take any steps that would result in interference with or obstruction of ICE enforcement operations.

SECTION 6. The City Council calls upon all nonprofit organizations, community service organizations, faith-based organizations, and business within the City of Downey to work together to contribute time, resources, and financial support to assist individuals and families impacted by the recent ICE activities.

SECTION 7. The City Council affirms Downey's commitment to public safety and inclusivity for all residents and calls upon all law enforcement agencies operating within the City to respect the civil rights of every individual.

SECTION 8. The City commits to working collaboratively to explore, fund, and implement programs and partnerships that support the health, safety, and well-being of all community members, particularly those most at risk due to federal immigration enforcement actions.

SECTION 9. City staff is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all elected members of Congress whose jurisdiction includes any part of the City of Downey.

SECTION 10. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase in this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid

SECTION 11. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2025.



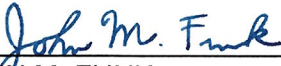
HECTOR SOSA, Mayor

ATTEST:



MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JOHN M. FUNK
City Attorney

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Downey at a Regular meeting held on the 8th day of July 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Members:	Frometa, Ortiz, Trujillo, Pemberton, Sosa
NOES:	Council Members:	None.
ABSENT:	Council Members:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Council Members:	None.



MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC
City Clerk