

PRESS RELEASE

Downey City Council Approves Actions Supporting Residents Impacted by Recent Federal Immigration Enforcement

Downey, CA. - July 10, 2025: At the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, the Downey City Council approved several actions to support impacted community members and affirm the City's focus on public safety in response to recent immigration enforcement operations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the region.

As part of its actions, the City Council approved the following:

\$25,000 Allocation for Local Assistance

The City Council approved the allocation of \$25,000 from the General Fund to assist individuals and families impacted by recent ICE activity. A total of \$15,000, distributed as \$5,000 each, will be awarded to three local organizations: Desert Reign Church, Food Help; Downey PTA Helps; and Downey First Christian Church-Food Help to support food bank services. The remaining \$10,000 will be provided to Community Legal Aid SoCal to host four resource workshops for Downey community members and businesses.

Legislative Platform Update

The City Council amended the City's legislative platform to include support for comprehensive immigration reform. The updated platform, along with a letter from the Downey City Council, will be sent to the City's federal representatives to advocate for the City's position on the issue.

Resolution Addressing Federal Enforcement Practices

A resolution was adopted affirming the City's role in protecting the rights of residents, clarifying that the Downey Police Department does not participate in immigration enforcement, and calling for federal operations to respect due process and community safety.

"These actions reflect Downey's continued commitment to protecting public safety," said Mayor Hector Sosa. "We are taking meaningful steps to support those impacted in our community."

For information and resources on federal immigration related FAQs, visit:
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