

RESOLUTION NO. 24310

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY, COMMUNITY SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND CLEAR IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS IN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE.

WHEREAS, Part I of the Riverside City Charter states; We, the people of the City of Riverside believe in promoting an inclusive community with shared economic, environmental and cultural prosperity, equal civil and political rights, social harmony and cohesion, and opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside's Inclusive Community Statement reads; A city of considerable racial, ethnic, religious, and other types of diversity, Riverside has etched a complex history. That history has included both significant efforts to achieve greater justice, equality, and understanding, as well as unfortunate periods and events that have demonstrated the need for increased commitment, ideas, and action to work toward these goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside has longstanding commitment in advocating for compassion, peace, social harmony, safety, and fostering a mutual respect and understanding for all people, regardless of religion, race or nationality; and

WHEREAS, The City of Riverside is home to a diverse population that includes immigrants, first-generation Americans, foreign-born residents, refugees, and individuals of various immigration statuses who collectively and individually contribute to the city's values of diversity, economic viability, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, over 68% of the City's population identifies as Latino or Hispanic¹, one of the highest percentages in the Inland Empire and 22.5% of the City's population is foreign-born²; and

WHEREAS, immigrants in Riverside contribute significantly to the city's economy, workforce, and culture, holding nearly 28% of jobs across key sectors including agriculture, logistics, healthcare, and education; and

WHEREAS, local policies that foster trust between immigrant communities and city services enhance public safety, reduce fear, and promote access to health care, education, emergency assistance, open spaces, community spaces, recreational, city services; and

1 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside values public trust, accountability, and open communication
2 between all law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve; and

3 WHEREAS, recent federal immigration enforcement operations in various Wards have raised
4 concerns among community members when conducted by California Border Patrol (CBP) and
5 Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents using unmarked vehicles, plainclothes attire, often
6 with their faces covered or masked, and without clearly visible identification; and

7 WHEREAS, numerous reports and video evidence show that even U.S. citizens and
8 immigrants with lawful status have been mistakenly detained, questioned, or targeted, exacerbating
9 distrust and public safety risks; and

10 WHEREAS, confusion regarding the identity and authority of law enforcement personnel can
11 create unnecessary fear and trauma, reduce public trust in law enforcement, reduce safety for the
12 general public and local law enforcement, potentially hinder lawful oversight, and raise concerns about
13 the risk of non-law enforcement individuals engaging in or being perceived as engaging in
14 unauthorized enforcement or vigilantism; and

15 WHEREAS, the California Values Act (SB 54), outlines limits on the use of local resources in
16 federal immigration enforcement while allowing cities to take proactive measures to ensure
17 transparency and protect civil rights; and

18 WHEREAS, California signed into law this year (2025) the following bills to protect California
19 residents and communities with the following legislation, with several going into effect immediately:
20 SB 805, SB 627, SB 98, SB 81, and AB 49. SB 627 will go into effect on January 1, 2026; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside affirms its responsibility to document and verify federal law
22 enforcement activity occurring within its jurisdiction and, where legally appropriate, take proactive
23 steps to safeguard against potential overreach or actions that may compromise the civil rights of
24 residents.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
26 California, as follows:

1 Section 1. Affirmation of Commitment to All Riverside Residents: The City of Riverside
2 reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all residents—regardless of immigration status—can access
3 city services, participate in civic life, and feel safe in their communities without fear of discrimination.

4 Section 2. Affirmation of Transparency and Public Safety: The City affirms that clear
5 identification of immigration enforcement personnel such as, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP),
6 Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Bureau of
7 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the
8 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or any other federal agency or arm of the federal government
9 and anyone deputized to carry out the functions of immigration enforcement operations within the
10 state of California, especially during sensitive enforcement operations, is essential to maintaining
11 public trust and safety and condemns the use of unmarked vehicles, masked or plainclothes agents,
12 and other nontransparent tactics.

13 Section 3. Continued Implementation of SB 54: The City reaffirms its commitment to the
14 implementation of the California Values Act (SB 54) as required by law and embraces the spirit
15 undergirding the law that there needs to be a bright line between local law enforcement and federal
16 immigration enforcement.

17 Section 4. Encouragement of Coordination and Identification: The City urges all federal
18 immigration enforcement personnel operating within Riverside limits to use clearly marked vehicles,
19 wear visible agency identification, and follow transparent protocols that allow residents and local
20 officials to verify their authority.

21 Section 5. Local Monitoring Within Legal Boundaries: The City calls on the Riverside
22 Police Department to monitor any suspected federal enforcement activity in the City and, when legally
23 permissible, confirm the identity of immigration enforcement personnel conducting enforcement
24 operations within the City, in compliance with SB 805 and 627 and to document such interactions.

25 Section 6. Data Privacy: The City of Riverside will ensure to not retain any information
26 regarding an individual's immigration status on any city databases or registries. If such information is
27 required by law, the city will aim to create a process of securing that information to protect individual's
28 information and apply existing data retention policies to this sensitive information. Furthermore, the
city affirms to not share any information obtained through the city's license plate reader systems and

1 cameras with a federal agency, unless a legal warrant is provided in regards to a specific criminal case
2 or investigation.

3 Section 7. Safeguarding Civil Rights through Documentation: The City directs the City
4 Manager's Office and City Attorney's Office to the best of their ability to actively document and report
5 any federal immigration enforcement activity. All such incidents should be referred to the respective
6 appropriate oversight bodies, legal authorities, or civil rights organizations for review and action. In
7 carrying out this work, the City will collaborate with trusted and reputable community-based partners,
8 as legally permissible, to support comprehensive documentation, incorporate community feedback,
9 and ensure meaningful follow-up on all reported incidents to the Human Relations Commission (HRC)
10 and City Council on a monthly basis.

11 Section 8. Commitment of Core Values for all Residents: The City reaffirms its
12 commitment to due process, equal protection, and the rights of all individuals within its jurisdiction.
13 Riverside will continue to uphold its values as a safe, inclusive, and law-abiding community where
14 government transparency and public safety remain paramount.

15 Section 9. Public Awareness and Education Campaign: The City directs the City Manager
16 to work with city staff to roll out a public education campaign that provides access to Know Your
17 Rights cards/information and links to helpful organizations and services available to the general public
18 on the city website, social media pages, and community centers. And directs the City Manager to
19 explore and return to Council in December 2025 with possible other avenues to educate residents such
20 as hosting workshops, inserts in the Riverside Public utility bills, printed materials, etc.

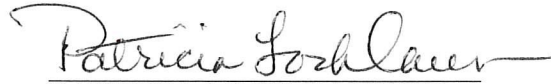
21 Section 10. Exploration of Legal and Legislative Remedies: The City directs the City
22 Attorney and City Manager to actively monitor federal enforcement activities and explore available
23 legal or legislative avenues to respond and challenge any practices that undermine the City's values
24 or violates the rights of residents as provided by local, state and federal law, as well as the U.S.
25 Constitution.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this 14th day of October, 2025.

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3 PATRICIA LOCK-DAWSON
4 Mayor of the City of Riverside

5 Attest:

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7 DONESIA GAUSE
8 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

9 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
10 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at
11 its meeting held on the 14th day of October, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

12 Ayes: Falcone, Cervantes, Mill and Hemenway

13 Noes: Robillard, Conder and Perry

14 Absent:

15 Abstain:

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
17 City of Riverside, California, this 21st day of October, 2025.

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19 DONESIA GAUSE
20 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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