

Attachment 2 - Revised Version approved by CAO

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, according to the 2023 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, over 68% of the City's
22 population identifies as Latino or Hispanic, one of the highest percentages in the Inland Empire and
23 22.5% of the City's population is foreign born; and

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

27 WHEREAS, local policies that foster public trust between immigrant communities and city
28 services enhance public safety, reduce fear, and promote access to health care, education, emergency

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, AB 49; 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,
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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, California Border Patrol (CBP),
6 Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), and/or Department of Homeland Security (DHS),
7 especially during sensitive enforcement operations, is essential to maintaining public trust and safety
8 and condemns the use of unmarked vehicles, masked or plainclothes agents, and other nontransparent
9 tactics.

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

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

18 Section 5. Local Monitoring Within Legal Boundaries: The City calls on the Riverside
19 Police Department to monitor any suspected federal enforcement activity in the City and, when legally
20 permissible, confirm the identity of immigration enforcement personnel conducting enforcement
21 operations within the City, and to document such interactions.

22 Section 6. Data Privacy: The City of Riverside will ensure to not retain any information
23 regarding an individual's immigration status on any city databases or registries. If such information is
24 required by law, the city will aim to create a process of securing that information to protect individual's
25 information and apply existing data retention policies to this sensitive information. Furthermore, the
26 city affirms to not share any information obtained through the city's license plate reader systems and
27 cameras with a federal agency, unless a legal warrant is provided in regards to a specific criminal case
28 or investigation.

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

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

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

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

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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PATRICIA LOCK-DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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Attest:

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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