

County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency for Federal Immigration Actions in the County of Los Angeles (10/07/2025 Board Agenda; Item No. 24)

Dear Supervisors:

On October 7, 2025, your Board directed our office to return to your Board with a Proclamation of Local Emergency for federal immigration actions in the County of Los Angeles, and place it on the agenda for the October 14, 2025, Board meeting. The proposed Proclamation is enclosed for your consideration.

Very truly yours

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Enclosure

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PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ACTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County (County) Code (County Code) provides that the County Board of Supervisors (Board) may proclaim the existence of a local emergency, pursuant to Government Code section 8558(c); and

WHEREAS, a "local emergency," is defined in Government Code section 8558(c)(1), in pertinent part, as follows: "[I]ocal emergency' means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county . . . caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event . . . plant or animal infestation or disease . . . or an earthquake, or other conditions . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat"; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 2025, and increasingly thereafter, ongoing immigration raids and unlawful enforcement tactics initiated by the federal government have caused residents to be fearful of leaving their homes to go to work, take public transportation, access County services including medical services, access open public programs and resources, and attend appointments with immigration lawyers and legal service providers; and

WHEREAS, such enforcement actions and tactics have created a climate of fear, leading to widespread disruption in daily life and adverse impacts to our regional economy due to decreased attendance at workplaces, the temporary or permanent closure of businesses and restaurants, and increased strain on our local institutions such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminate immigration raids have destabilized entire neighborhoods and reverberate through critical sectors of the economy, leading to long-term harm to workers, families, and businesses. According to a recent study, industries such as construction and agriculture would contract by 16% and 14% respectively statewide, and overall impact of workforce loss could result in a \$275 billion loss to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) output. California saw a 3.1% drop in private-sector employment the week immediately after the Trump administration stepped up immigration raids in California. A recent survey of Los Angeles County by The Rent Brigade found a 62% drop in average weekly earnings of immigrants, that 71% returned to work because of fear of eviction despite unsafe or unstable conditions, and one in eight received threats from their landlords that they would be reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in violation of state law; and

WHEREAS, based upon these conditions of extreme peril and the County's commitment to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and property, the County is likely to require resources well beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County. The mobilization of local resources, and the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use of combined forces of other political subdivisions, will be critical to successfully respond to the ongoing conditions and adverse impacts; and

¹ Bay Area Council Economic Institute and UC Merced, June 2025, "<u>The Economic Impact of Mass Deportation in California</u>"

² Id. at page 1.

³ The Rent Brigade, September 2025, "Disappeared and Displaced: ICE Pushes LA Tenants Towards Eviction"

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board finds that as a result of the immigration enforcement actions and tactics initiated by the federal government in the County, conditions of disaster and/or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist in the County, within the meaning of Government Code section 8558(c)(1), and such conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Board that a local emergency exists due to the immigration enforcement actions in the County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law and by ordinances and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by State law until it terminates the local emergency and shall terminate this local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

The foregoing Proclamation was, on the ____ day of October 2025, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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