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Creating ICE-Free Zones in Los Angeles County

As federal civil immigration enforcement ramps up throughout the nation, jurisdictions have taken decisive action to protect their citizens and public spaces. States, counties, and cities have sought protection and remedies through the judicial system and have enacted policies such as requiring identification from federal agents, increasing penalties for impersonating a federal agent, and prohibiting non-federal government staff from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement actions unless required by law.

On October 6, 2025, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson signed the “ICE Free Zone” executive order, which creates clear mechanisms to prohibit federal immigration agents from using any City-owned property in their ongoing operations in Chicago. The executive order comes following documented use of Chicago Public Schools’ parking lots and a City-owned parking lot as staging sites for federal immigration enforcement operations.¹

¹ City of Chicago Office of the Mayor. “Mayor Brandon Johnson Signs “ICE Free Zone” Executive Order, Prohibiting Use of City Property for Federal Immigration Operations.” Chicago.gov, 6 Oct. 2025, www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/press_releases/2025/october/city-property-executive-order.html. Accessed 23 Oct. 2025.

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. On October 8, 2025, federal agents conducted a raid in San Pedro at Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center, a County park in Supervisorial District 4. The agents arrested three people and threatened to arrest staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation who responded to the scene.² Because of this raid, County residents avoided the park, were unable to access it and use it for recreation as intended, and County staff were diverted from their regular duties.

As federal immigration actions are increasingly taking place in public spaces, it is imperative the County of Los Angeles take action to protect our spaces so that they can be accessed by the public and used for their intended County purposes, and to prohibit County property from being used as staging areas for these raids, or other operations, which may result in unlawful actions such as detaining U.S. citizens and denying due process to County residents of all immigration statuses.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to prepare and place on the Board's agenda, within 30 days, an ordinance for introduction and consideration by the Board that does the following:

1. Prevents real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County, from being used for other than County purposes, including for any civil enforcement staging, processing, or operations in the following manner:
 - a. No real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County shall be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for unauthorized civil law enforcement actions,

² Hutchings, Kristy. "ICE Conducts Operations in San Pedro, Threatens to Arrest LA County Staff, Supervisor Hahn Says." Daily Breeze, 8 Oct. 2025, www.dailybreeze.com/2025/10/08/ice-conducts-operations-in-san-pedro-threatens-to-arrest-la-county-staff-supervisor-hahn-says/. Accessed 24 Oct. 2025.

including civil immigration enforcement.

- b. Defines "staging area" as an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, in a manner that is outside of regular business purposes or hours, or that disrupts or impedes its use for County purposes.
- c. Requires real and personal property, belonging to, or subject to the control of the County, have clear signage stating:

**This property is owned and controlled by the County of
Los Angeles. It may not be used for unauthorized civil
law enforcement, including civil immigration
enforcement, as a Staging Area, Processing Location, or
Operations Base.**

- d. Requires County departments to further ensure that, wherever appropriate, signage and physical barriers such as locked gates are used to limit access to real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County.
- e. Does not restrict or interfere with the execution of lawful judicial warrants or the enforcement of criminal law, nor does it limit the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law.
- f. Does not prohibit the lawful use of real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County for County uses other than a staging area, processing location, or operations base for unauthorized civil law enforcement, nor does it restrict any authorized person or entity

from carrying out authorized functions on such property.

2. Requires any civil law enforcement entity to seek a permit from the appropriate County Department to conduct any civil law enforcement staging, processing, or operations in advance of such operations, with an exception for exigent circumstances or a judicial warrant.

I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct:

1. Internal Services Department, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office Asset Management Branch, County Counsel, and all relevant departments to identify real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County that either have been used, or are likely to be used in the future, as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for the purpose of unauthorized civil law enforcement, including immigration enforcement.
2. County Counsel in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the Chief Executive Office shall develop the procedures necessary to implement this ordinance. These implementing procedures shall provide that any County employee who becomes aware of the attempted or actual use of real and personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of the County as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for unauthorized civil law enforcement, including civil immigration enforcement, shall immediately report to their supervisor, who will communicate with County Counsel.

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