



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
5.		Favor	Ann Dorsey	
			Caryn Roach	We need people to feel safe where they live, and ICE presence in Los Angeles does just the opposite. People are afraid to go to school, to work, to the grocery store. People need to be able to move around their neighborhood without fear of being kidnapped by masked men. We need bigger areas and more of them. Look at what happened in MN. That can happen anywhere and we need them out of our city and county.
			Christina Hui	I don't want ICE here at all.
			Erika Cervantes	
			Erika Molina	
			Florence-Firestone Community Organization	See attached letter.
			James O Maddox	
			Janine Roach	Get ICE out of Los Angeles. Start with ICE-Free Zones. Then rapidly expand this ICE-Free Zone to the entire county. Do not allow the LA County Sheriff to assist in any of their operations. Do not allow them to terrorize the people of our county. This is not what we stand for. This is not what Los Angeles is about. ICE does not follow basic laws, due process, or respect humanity and should not be allowed in our county. We are better than this.
			JUANITA GONZALEZ	ENFORCE STATE LAWS OF NOT PERMITTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO HAVE THEIR FACES COVERED AND THEIR VEHICLES UNLICENSED. SUPERVISORS ARE FAILING AT PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL YOUR CONSTITUENTS. MAKE THE SHERIFF OFFICE AVAILABLE TO IDENTIFY THUGS KIDNAPPING LA COUNTY RESIDENTS.
			Kathy Chantrabhavej	
Patrice Roach	Please protect our children and hardworking families. No one should have to live in fear.			



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5.		Favor	Ron Ramos	<p>My name is Ron Ramos, and I am a resident of Los Angeles.</p> <p>I am here to express my strong support for creating ICE-Free Zones in our city and my firm opposition to the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Los Angeles.</p> <p>ICE's actions undermine constitutional protections that are supposed to apply to all people in this country. We have repeatedly seen warrantless arrests, racial profiling, intimidation, and the use of force that erodes due process and violates basic civil liberties. These practices create fear, not safety.</p> <p>Los Angeles is a city built by immigrants. When ICE operates here, families are torn apart, workers are silenced, and entire communities are pushed into the shadows. People become afraid to report crimes, seek medical care, or send their children to school. That makes all of us less safe.</p> <p>Local government should not be complicit in federal agencies that rely on coercion and violence to enforce policies rooted in cruelty rather than justice. We do not need militarized immigration enforcement in our neighborhoods. We need housing, healthcare, education, and real public safety.</p> <p>Declaring and enforcing ICE-Free Zones is not about defying the law—it is about upholding the Constitution, protecting human rights, and affirming that Los Angeles stands against authoritarian practices and fear-based governance.</p> <p>I urge the City Council to take a clear stand: keep ICE out of our city facilities, stop cooperation with their operations, and protect the dignity and safety of everyone who calls Los Angeles home.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
		Oppose	Alan Achterberg	
			Alan Achterberg	<p>I am a resident of Mar Vista and grew up a stone's throw from the very Friendship Park referenced in the motion. This park has always been a contentious "territory" where members of the Hispanic Community have hazed and intimidated others. I was attacked and beaten at that very park for being the wrong color in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Today, authorities ignore any efforts to report incidents or violent crimes because they know they won't be pursued. This is no different than the settlement zones created in another part of the world facing the exact same issue.</p>



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January 8, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple St.
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Subject: Creating ICE-Free Zones in Los Angeles County

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of [Alliance for a Better Community \(ABC\)](#), I am writing in strong support of Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath's [motion](#) to create **ICE-Free Zones in Los Angeles County**. The motion strengthens protections to ensure County property is not used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for unauthorized civil law enforcement actions, including civil immigration enforcement by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Federal immigration enforcement actions have had a devastating and lasting impact on Latina/o communities throughout Los Angeles. Over the past seven months, Angelenos have witnessed nearly a dozen documented incidents in which ICE operations resulted in death or serious injury. In addition, reports from community organizations, local media, and County officials show repeated instances of ICE using or positioning near County-owned and County-controlled property, including parks, parking lots, and facilities, as staging areas or locations to detain individuals. These practices have deepened fear, eroded trust in public institutions, and created a chilling effect that keeps residents from accessing parks, libraries, schools, health services, and other essential County resources as intended.

The use of public property for civil immigration enforcement has far-reaching consequences beyond individual arrests. When ICE operates in or around County spaces, families avoid these locations out of fear of surveillance, detention, or collateral harm, particularly in Latina/o and mixed-status households. This pattern undermines the County's ability to deliver services, discourages civic participation, and heightens the risk of unlawful detention of U.S. citizens and due process violations, while retraumatizing communities already impacted by family separation and aggressive



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enforcement tactics.

This motion takes a necessary and measured step to protect County property, staff, and residents. By prohibiting the use of County-owned or controlled property for unauthorized civil immigration enforcement staging, processing, or operations, Los Angeles County affirms that public spaces exist to serve the public good, not to facilitate actions that undermine community safety and constitutional rights.

ABC strongly supports the County's leadership in establishing clear boundaries that uphold civil rights, protect public access to County spaces, and reduce the risk of harm to residents and staff. Creating ICE-Free Zones is not only a legal and operational safeguard, it is a moral commitment to ensuring that all Angelenos, regardless of immigration status, can access public spaces without fear.

For more than 25 years, ABC has worked to advance social, economic, and racial equity and justice for the Latina/o community in Los Angeles. We know how essential safe, trustworthy, and accessible public institutions are to community wellbeing. This motion is an important step to safeguard those institutions in this moment of heightened fear and uncertainty.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt this motion and continue advancing policies that prioritize safety, dignity, and equity for the communities that call Los Angeles County home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Aramayo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vanessa Aramayo
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January 10, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Opposition to “Creating ICE-Free Zones in Los Angeles County”

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write in strong opposition to the proposed motion to create “ICE-Free Zones” on County property.

In winter 2025, I was invited into what was presented as a rights-education effort around ICE actions, including distribution of “Know Your Rights” cards, emotional support, and legal information for families. Once inside, I encountered something very different: organizers pressed participants to join coordinated monitoring and harassment networks aimed at tracking federal officers, blocking enforcement, and creating social-media content, and I was cornered and pressured for my name, phone number, and cooperation. When I declined to participate in these tactics, I soon received harassing and defamatory messages from aligned community-organizing groups.

Over the last two years, I have filed multiple police reports in Los Angeles County after assaults and thefts by individuals who appeared to be shielded by our sanctuary-style policies. In several incidents, officers showed visible reluctance even to take a report once it became clear that suspected offenders were likely undocumented, as though documenting crimes would only create work the system had no intention of seriously addressing. In September 2025, I was hospitalized after two separate assaults. These events have left me with the clear impression that current policies are already having a chilling effect on basic law-enforcement functions and on the willingness of victims to come forward.

Against that backdrop, the proposed “ICE-Free Zone” ordinance would move the County from passive non-cooperation into active obstruction. Provisions that:

- prohibit County-controlled property from being used as a “staging area, processing location, or operations base” for “unauthorized civil law enforcement,” specifically including civil immigration enforcement;
- require civil federal agencies to seek County permits before using public property for civil enforcement operations (with only a narrow exigency exception); and
- direct County staff to report and resist such uses of County property
- invite conflict with federal interests and risk being viewed as an indirect interference with the execution of federal law.

The Ninth Circuit’s 2019 decision in *United States v. California* upheld much of California’s “sanctuary” framework (including SB 54) on the narrow ground that a state’s choice to “refuse to help” is not the same as

directly “impeding” federal enforcement, while striking down a detention-inspection provision (AB 103 §12532(b)(1)(C)) that discriminated against and impermissibly burdened the federal government under intergovernmental-immunity principles. The Court’s reasoning underscores a critical line: the State (and by extension its political subdivisions) may decline to provide assistance, but may not enact measures that actively discriminate against or unduly burden federal operations or those with whom the federal government deals. A County ordinance that, in practice, categorically bars ICE and other civil federal agencies from using County property as a staging area or operations base—unless they first secure County permission—risks crossing that line from permissible non-cooperation into impermissible interference.

In addition, 8 U.S.C. § 1373 provides that a state or local government “may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from” federal immigration agencies information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any individual. While the proposed ordinance focuses on “staging areas” rather than information sharing, it forms part of a broader pattern designed to wall off local governments from federal immigration activity. Each new layer increases the likelihood that, in practice, County employees will perceive themselves as prohibited from communicating or cooperating even where federal law explicitly protects their ability to do so.

From a public-safety standpoint, the motion also ignores the reality that federal civil immigration enforcement often targets individuals with serious criminal histories, including violent offenses, sexual crimes, gang activity, or prior removal orders. The White House has recently criticized Chicago’s “ICE-Free Zones” order on precisely this ground, stating that it “shields the most depraved, violent criminal illegal aliens from justice” and highlighting multiple recent cases of individuals convicted of sexual assault, murder, domestic violence, and gang-related offenses whom ICE removed from Chicago’s streets. Exporting that model to Los Angeles County—while our own residents are already experiencing assaults, thefts, and intimidation—runs directly counter to the stated goal of keeping public spaces safe and accessible.

For these reasons, I urge the Board to reject the proposed “ICE-Free Zone” ordinance and instead pursue policies that:

- protect residents and staff from harassment or unlawful conduct by any actor, whether government or non-government;
- respect the legitimate role of federal agencies in enforcing immigration law and avoid measures that discriminate against or unduly burden federal operations; and
- maintain clear, lawful channels for communication and cooperation where serious public-safety risks are at stake, consistent with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and the limits articulated in *United States v. California*.

Thank you for your time and for your attention to the safety of all Los Angeles County residents.

Sincerely,



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January 12, 2026

The Honorable Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Second District
500 West Temple Street, Room 866
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: SUPPORT CREATING ICE-FREE ZONES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Dear Supervisor Mitchell,

The Florence-Firestone Community Organization **SUPPORTS** the motion by Supervisors Horvath and Solis creating ICE-Free Zones for properties owned and controlled by the County of Los Angeles (Item 5, January 13, 2026, Los Angeles County BOS Agenda).

Federal agents and their impostors are brazenly abducting community members from our streets. Unidentified masked individuals are using local facilities such as public parks and parking lots to stage operations, openly targeting Latinos and people of color for abduction. These heinous acts instill fear in our communities. This limits freedom of access to jobs, schools, parks, medical facilities, supermarkets, and other places necessary for our everyday needs. **The County of Los Angeles must reject this authoritarian campaign of fear.**

As our local government, the County of Los Angeles has both the right and responsibility to protect community members from abduction by anonymous agents, including bounty hunters cosplaying as federal law enforcement. County properties and facilities cannot be used to "disappear" people like some totalitarian police state. Their escalating violence we've recently seen in Northridge, CA, Minneapolis, MN, and elsewhere underscores the need to act. We urge you and the Board of Supervisors to vote **YES** to creating ICE-Free Zones in LA County.

Passage of ordinances alone is not enough. Any new laws establishing ICE-Free Zones must be vigilantly enforced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and the Office of County Counsel, among other agencies.

In community,
FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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cc: Supervisors Horvath, Solis, Hahn, Barger