

Supporting Immigrant Communities Ad Hoc - Update

Introduction of an Ordinance to Uphold the Civil Rights, Dignity, Health and Safety of Our Immigrant Population and all Sonoma County Residents



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Recommended Actions

- Adopt a Resolution introducing, reading the title of, and waiving further reading of an Ordinance to Uphold the Civil Rights, Dignity, Health and Safety of Our Immigrant Population and all Sonoma County Residents.
- Allocate \$1,500,000 from General Fund Contingencies to support the work of the Supporting Immigrant Communicates Ad Hoc through identified resource needs and community partnerships.

Ad Hoc History

- Board adopted Resolution upholding the civil rights, dignity, health, and safety of the immigrant population and all Sonoma County community members – January 10, 2025
- Ad Hoc established August 2025 – Supervisors Hermosillo and Hopkins
- Previous Board Updates:
 - September 23, 2025
 - November 4, 2025
 - January 27, 2026

Current Initiatives

- Local Immigrant Service Provider Convening
- Ongoing engagement with Belonging in the Bay, a 12-county consortium
- FAQs regarding Sonoma County Law Enforcement and Immigration Enforcement via County Supporting Immigrant Communities website
 - <https://sonomacounty.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-executives-office/projects/support-for-immigrant-communities>

Proposed Ordinance

- **Goal:**
 - Confirm County's support for civil residents and safety of all residents
 - Memorialize current operations and compliance with applicable laws
- **Application:**
 - All County employees and operations under the Board's jurisdiction
 - Legally cannot apply to elected officials and operations

Proposed Ordinance

- Reaffirms protection of all sensitive private information, including immigration status, and may only release such information when required by law.
- Resources, including personnel, software, other technologies, and physical space, cannot be used to assist or cooperate with immigration enforcement operations unless required by law.
- County-owned and leased property must not be used for immigration enforcement activities, staging, or other related operations.
- County will clearly delineate public and non-public spaces – *completed*.
- County will implement training for staff regarding protocols for engaging with immigration enforcement officers at County facilities - *completed*

Resource Allocation Request

- Allocate \$1.5 million in General Fund Contingencies to support the work of the Ad Hoc
- Recommended uses will be developed in collaboration with community input and the ongoing work with the service providers
- Return to the Board with specific allocation recommendations of the encumbered funds

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 - If approved, will return on April 28, 2026 for final adoption.
- Set aside \$1,500,000 from General Fund Contingencies to support the work of the Supporting Immigrant Communicates Ad Hoc



Questions?

