



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: August 26, 2025
Placement: Departmental Agenda
Estimated Time: 20 MINUTES
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Contact: Clare Tobin, Legislative Analyst
SUBJECT: County Support for State Legislation Senate Bills 627 and 805

Signed by:

Brittany Odermann
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a position to support California State Senate Bill 627, which would prohibit federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from masking under most circumstances;
- b) Adopt a position to support California State Senate Bill 805, which would require federal, state, and local law enforcement officers to display identification;
- c) Receive and file an update on Board direction from the July 15, 2025 Board hearing; and
- d) Find that the proposed actions are organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under CEQA Guidelines 14 CCR 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

This item will direct staff to provide letters of support for two California State Senate Bills, SB 627 and SB 805. This report also provides an update on the actions directed by the Board at the July 15, 2025 hearing on local activities conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Board directed staff to return at a future meeting with specific actions, including an update to the Legislative Platform; actions to support state legislation Senate Bills 627 and 805; and an internal policy regarding sharing of information with ICE.

Discussion:

At the July 15, 2025 meeting, the Board directed staff to undertake several actions in response to concerns from the Board and community members about recent actions by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Santa Barbara County.

State Legislation: SB 627 and SB 805

Two bills addressing how ICE officers present themselves in interactions with the public are currently pending before the Legislature.

1. SB 627 (Wiener) – “No Secret Police Act”
 - Prohibits federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from wearing face masks and personal disguises, with certain exceptions for health or smoke protection, SWAT gear, and undercover operations
 - Requires advance notice to local agencies of operations that involve concealment
2. SB 805 (Perez) – “No Vigilantes Act”
 - Requires federal, state, and local law enforcement officers to display identification, including their name or badge number, with certain exceptions for personal protective equipment needs, SWAT gear, undercover operations, exigent circumstances, and serious personal safety concerns
 - Expands crimes related to impersonating an officer
 - Provides that law enforcement can ask individuals claiming to be law enforcement for identification, if there is suspicion of a crime
 - Prevents someone who is contracted to apprehend a bail fugitive from disclosing personally identifiable information for purposes of immigration enforcement

Both bills are scheduled to be heard in Assembly Appropriations, with hearings beginning the week of August 18. Issues raised in support and opposition of these bills are included in Attachments E and G.

Based on discussion from Board members, following several hours of public testimony, at the July 15 Board meeting that specifically named concerns with masking and lack of identification by federal agents, staff recommends a support position for both bills.

Status of Other Board Direction re: ICE Communication

- **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):** In consultation with the County’s federal advocate, staff sent a letter on July 18 to ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons asking for specific information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and also submitted the FOIA request through the federal website portal. Staff asked that the federal delegation – Senators Padilla and Schiff and Congressman Carbajal – support the County’s request for information. A copy of the letter is included as Attachment A.
- **Request for Presence at a Board Meeting:** In addition, Chair Capps sent a letter to the ICE Los Angeles Field Office on July 21, requesting that representatives of the agency appear at a Board public hearing. A copy of the letter is included as Attachment B.

Background:

On July 10, 2025 federal agents conducted an immigration enforcement operation at a cannabis business in Carpinteria. The operation resulted in the reported detention of ten workers and the deployment of smoke grenades near a crowd of 100-200 community members who had gathered in protest. The scale and tactics of the operation, including the use of military-style vehicles and personnel, raised concern among local residents, public officials, and community leaders. The incident prompted calls for discussion and review by the Board to assess the impact on the community and determine any appropriate response or support for affected residents.

At the July 15, 2025 hearing the Board received a report on the recent, local activities conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Board directed staff to return at a future meeting with specific actions, including an update to the Legislative Platform; actions to support state legislation Senate Bills 627 and 805; and an internal policy regarding sharing of information with ICE.

A proposed amendment to the 2025 Legislative Platform is scheduled for the September 23, 2025 Board hearing. The internal policy regarding sharing of information with ICE has yet to be scheduled.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal or facilities impacts are anticipated.

Special Instructions:

No special instructions are needed. If approved, staff will direct Hurst Brooks Espinosa, the County's State advocacy firm, to send the letters of support directly to the appropriate recipient(s).

Attachments:

Attachment A – 07-18-2025 Impact of ICE Enforcement Actions in SBC

Attachment B – 07-21-25 Request to Appear at SBC Board of Supervisors Public Hearing

Attachment C – FOIA Request

Attachment D – SB 627 (Wiener-Arreguin-Perez) - Draft Support Letter

Attachment E – SB 627 Assembly Public Safety Bill Analysis

Attachment F – SB 805 (Perez and Wiener) - Draft Support Letter

Attachment G – SB 805 Assembly Public Safety Bill Analysis

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