



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** County Executive Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**Agenda Date:** September 16, 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  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to 2025 County Legislative Platform

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Amend the 2025 County Legislative Platform to advocate for improved immigration reform, to include requirements for law enforcement officer identification and civil rights protections; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity 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 update the County Legislative Platform under the issue of Immigration Reform as requested by the Board on July 15, 2025. The Legislative Platform is used to guide County positions on legislation and programs at the state and federal level.

**Discussion:**

At the July 15, 2025 Board 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.

***Amendment to 2025 County Legislative Platform***

Updates to the Platform language allow staff and contracted advocates to support or oppose state and federal legislation in a quicker and more responsive manner, without requiring a full Board hearing and vote.

The current County Legislative Platform includes the following language regarding immigration reform:

- Advocate for Congress and the President to enact comprehensive immigration reform that improves and simplifies the current legal immigration system and includes a national strategy for coordination among federal, state, local and tribal authorities.

Per Board direction, the following language is proposed by staff to add to the existing language (see Attachment A, page 6):

- Support policies requiring law enforcement officers, including immigration agents, to clearly identify themselves and their agency affiliation during public operations including prohibition of the use of face coverings or disguises by agents, except for specialized gear, personal safety equipment, or where there is a clear and specific threat to officer safety.
- Uphold constitutional civil rights protections, including due process, equal protection, and freedom from unlawful searches and seizures.
- Urge Congress and the Administration to reinstate and codify policies that prohibit immigration enforcement in sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship.

**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 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. The Board approved support for Senate Bills 627 and 805 on August 26, 2025.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal or facilities impacts are anticipated.

**Special Instructions:**

No special instructions are needed.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** - 2025 County Legislative Platform\_Amended Sept 2025\_Redline

**Attachment B** - 2025 County Legislative Platform\_Amended Sept 2025\_Final if adopted

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