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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Nick Schultz, Chair

SJR 9 (Durazo) – As Amended June 27, 2025

SUMMARY: Condemns and denounce mass immigration raids that target immigrant workers and families in California. Specifically, **this resolution** states:

- 1) WHEREAS, California is home to more than 10 million immigrants, the nation’s largest by population and proportion, including over 2 million undocumented residents, who enrich our communities, strengthen our economy, and contribute to the cultural and social fabric of the Golden State; and
- 2) WHEREAS, Immigrants are deeply rooted in our state’s communities, families, and workforce, with 45 percent of all children in California having at least one immigrant parent and over 50 percent of all California workers being immigrants or children of immigrants; and
- 3) WHEREAS, Deporting a parent or family member has serious detrimental impacts on children, affecting 3.3 million mixed-status families in California; and
- 4) WHEREAS, Latino and Asian families make up some of the largest undocumented groups, with a majority coming from Mexico, Central America, Asia, and South America; and
- 5) WHEREAS, Deportations tear families apart by separating parents from their children, leaving lasting emotional scars by increasing psychological distress, physical health issues, social isolation, and setbacks in their educational future; and
- 6) WHEREAS, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has targeted Home Depot stores, car washes, business vendors, construction sites, and garment factories in predominantly Latino communities; and
- 7) WHEREAS, United States citizens, based on their skin color and appearance, have been unlawfully harassed, handcuffed, arrested, and deported; and
- 8) WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, ICE, along with armed federal agents, conducted military-style immigration raids and arrests at work sites, homes, and public spaces, creating a climate of fear among immigrants dropping their children off at school, going to work, attending faith services, seeking medical or emergency services, or shopping for essential needs; and
- 9) WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, more than 1,600 people have been arrested in the indiscriminate raids at work sites, homes, and public spaces across the County of Los Angeles and dozens more people have been arrested across the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura; and

- 10) WHEREAS, While conducting immigration raids and arrests, ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents sealed off entire streets with the assistance of local law enforcement and the federalized National Guard troops, utilized unmarked armored vehicles, and conducted warrantless raids in a militarized and indiscriminate manner, sparking widespread panic, fear, and terror among immigrant workers, families, and communities; and
- 11) WHEREAS, The recent immigration raids have been heavily militarized, included the unconstitutional detention and arrest of residents without due process, disproportionately affected communities of color, separated families, undermined public safety and trust in local governments, and deterred families from accessing health care, education, and emergency assistance; and
- 12) WHEREAS, Members of Congress were denied access to conduct oversight visits at the federal “B-18” detention facility and the Adelanto ICE Processing Center to inspect the conditions of detention, despite their right to do so under federal law, and attorneys were repeatedly denied access to people who were arrested during the indiscriminate immigration raids and arrests; and
- 13) WHEREAS, The unconstitutional immigration raids and arrests quickly prompted tens of thousands of community, labor, and faith protests at multiple locations, including the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building and the City of Paramount, where immigration raids were ongoing; and
- 14) WHEREAS, The protests were overwhelmingly peaceful, with demonstrators exercising their First Amendment rights to oppose the Trump Administration’s mass immigration raids and to stand in solidarity with immigrant families impacted by these federal actions; and
- 15) WHEREAS, During the course of these protests, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California President David Huerta was injured, arrested, and detained after federal authorities alleged he was obstructing enforcement activities, while union representatives and community members assert he was wrongfully arrested while lawfully observing law enforcement; and
- 16) WHEREAS, The immigration raids and arrests consist of potential violations of constitutional rights, including raids and arrests conducted without warrants and using racial profiling; and
- 17) WHEREAS, Despite clear evidence that local authorities were fully capable of responding to these events, President Trump unilaterally deployed 4,000 California National Guard members and 700 Marines over the objection of California Governor Gavin Newsom, with President Trump’s stated intent to crush dissent and further intensify and militarize immigration raids and arrests; and
- 18) WHEREAS, The federal escalation appears to be part of a deliberate strategy to provoke chaos, suppress and criminalize dissent, and terrorize immigrant communities across California and the nation; and

- 19) WHEREAS, President Trump's administration has signaled an intention to intensify nationwide immigration raids and arrests, creating an ongoing threat and danger to California families, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and
- 20) WHEREAS, Multiple elected officials, religious groups, labor unions, and advocacy organizations have denounced the mass immigration raids and pledged to protect and support immigrant communities; and
- 21) WHEREAS, Immigrants play a vital role in stimulating the economy as workers, business owners, taxpayers, and consumers. Their contributions boost national economic growth and lower the United States deficit; and
- 22) WHEREAS, Immigrants help power the fourth largest economy in the world, sourcing one-half of a trillion dollars' worth of products, which represents 5 percent of the state's gross domestic product. Immigrants also make up nearly one-half of California's agricultural workers, and fuel key industries like manufacturing, construction, and hospitality; and
- 23) WHEREAS, California's undocumented immigrants contributed \$8.5 billion in state and local taxes in 2022 and play a vital role in stimulating the state's economy; and
- 24) WHEREAS, On June 12, 2025, President Trump announced that changes were coming and that "Our great Farmers and people in the Hotel and Leisure business have been stating that our very aggressive policy on immigration is taking very good, longtime workers away from them, with those jobs being almost impossible to replace," but on June 16, 2025, the United States Department of Homeland Security and ICE told staff that it must continue to conduct immigration raids at agricultural businesses, hotels, and restaurants, creating a whiplash of confusion that continues to wreak havoc on our economy, agricultural industry, and small businesses; now, therefore, be it
- 25) Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby strongly condemns the mass immigration raids, targeting of immigrant workers and families, and the militarized federal response in California. The Legislature denounces President Trump's deployment of military forces to suppress community protests and engage in immigration enforcement operations; and be it further
- 26) Resolved, That California stands with immigrant families, workers, and community leaders, and will not tolerate the terrorizing of our neighborhoods under the guise of "enforcement;" and be it further
- 27) Resolved, That California rejects the criminalization of peaceful protest and reaffirms the constitutional rights of all residents to organize, demonstrate, and demand justice without fear of violent retaliation; and be it further
- 28) Resolved, That the Legislature affirms its commitment to safeguarding the rights and safety of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, by upholding the fundamental principles of equal treatment, due process, and civil liberties under the law; and be it further

- 29) Resolved, That the Legislature supports the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement; and be it further
- 30) Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Background:** President Trump has vowed to carry out the largest deportation program in U.S. history during his second term. The White House has set a goal of 1 million annual deportations.¹ On January 20, 2025, the President issued an order titled “Protecting the American People Against Invasion.” The order states that “[i]t is the policy of the United States to faithfully execute the immigration laws against all inadmissible and removable aliens, particularly those aliens who threaten the safety or security of the American people. Further, it is the policy of the United States to achieve the total and efficient enforcement of those laws, including through lawful incentives and detention capabilities.”² Notable provisions of this order include: 1) directing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to set enforcement priorities, emphasizing criminal histories; 2) establishing Homeland Security Task Forces in each state; 3) requiring all noncitizens to register with DHS, with civil and criminal penalties for failure to register; 4) directing DHS to collect all civil fines and penalties from undocumented individuals, such as for unlawful entry or attempted unlawful entry; 5) expanding the use of expedited removal; 6) building more detention facilities; 7) encouraging federal/state cooperation, as specified; 8) encouraging voluntary departure, as specified; 9) limiting access to humanitarian parole and Temporary Protected Status; 10) directing the U.S. Attorney General (AG) and DHS to ensure that “sanctuary” jurisdictions do not receive access to federal funds; 11) reviewing federal grants to non-profits assisting undocumented persons and denying public benefits to undocumented persons; and 12) hiring more U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers.³

Immigration arrests have significantly increased since President Trump’s second term began.⁴ Just last month, protests grew in Los Angeles (L.A.) in response to widespread immigration enforcement activity throughout the area. From June 6 to June 22 federal immigration enforcement teams arrested 1,618 immigrants for deportation in L.A. and

¹ Politico, *Trump got \$170 billion for immigration. Now he has to enact it* (July 5, 2025), available at: <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/07/05/trump-got-170-billion-for-immigration-now-he-has-to-enact-it-00439785>

² The White House, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion* (Jan. 20, 2025), available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-the-american-people-against-invasion/>

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Sun, *Immigration Arrests Are Up Sharply in Every State. Here Are the Numbers*, New York Times (June 27, 2025), available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/06/27/us/ice-arrests-trump.html>

surrounding Southern California regions.⁵ In response to the protests, President Trump deployed National Guard troops and Marines to L.A. over the objection of state officials.⁶ Immigration raids have continued throughout L.A. in the weeks since the protests, prompting residents to stay home out of fear of being detained.⁷ Most of the persons arrested by ICE from June 1 to June 10 had never been charged with a crime.⁸

The recent passage of federal legislation allocating \$170 billion for border and immigration enforcement foreshadows the possibility of even more extensive immigration raids in the coming years.⁹

The Trump Administration's immigration raids have been characterized by numerous incidents of non-citizens being arrested by masked, non-uniformed plain clothed immigration officers.¹⁰ Proponents of such use of masks and face coverings claim that shielding the identity of such agents is necessary to protect the safety of those agents, and to prevent their identities from being documented and shared online (often referred to as "doxing").¹¹ Others contend this is an intimidation tactic contributing to mass fear and panic in immigrant communities.¹² In practice, this creates confusion for person's subjected to such masked arrests who have no way of knowing whether the person seeking to detain them is operating under a legitimate authority, or is in fact a person seeking to cause them harm.¹³ A person subject to such an arrest by an unidentified federal agent may reasonably seek to defend themselves, which may increase the likelihood of violent encounters or potential legal consequences for resisting arrest. For example, on June 21, when several masked agents approached an undocumented man who was working in Orange County, the man panicked and ran, resulting in him being tackled and punched by the federal agents.¹⁴

Use of masks and other face coverings by federal immigration agents has led to numerous federal immigration enforcement actions being mistaken for kidnappings.¹⁵ The Los Angeles Times summarizes a recent incident:

⁵ Castillo, *More than 1600 immigrants detained in Southern California this month, DHS says*, Los Angeles Times (June 25, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2025-06-25/more-than-1-600-immigrants-detained-in-southern-california-this-month-dhs-says>.

⁶ Hutchinson, *LA protests timeline: How ICE raids sparked demonstrations and Trump to send in the military*, ABC News (June 11, 2025), available at: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/timeline-ice-raids-sparked-la-protests-prompted-trump/story?id=122688437>.

⁷ Vives et. al., *L.A. neighborhoods clear out as immigration raids send people underground*, Los Angeles Times (June 15, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-15/some-l-a-neighborhoods-clear-out-as-immigration-raids-push-people-underground>.

⁸ Uranga, *Most nabbed in L.A. raids were men with no criminal conviction, picked up off the street*, Los Angeles Times (June 24, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-24/detention-centers-swell-with-immigrants-with-no-criminal-record>

⁹ Ward, *Trump got \$170 billion for immigration. Now he has to enact it*, Politico (July 5, 2025), available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/06/27/us/ice-arrests-trump.html>

¹⁰ Jarvie, *ICE agents wearing masks add new levels of intimidation, confusion during L.A. raids* (July 7, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-07-07/masking-of-federal-agents-very-dangerous-and-perfectly-legal>

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ *Ibid.*

¹⁴ Team, FOX 11 Digital, Narciso Barranco: *DHS Says OC Gardener Detained by Ice Swung Weed Whacker at Agent*, FOX 11 Los Angeles, FOX 11 Los Angeles (June 23, 2025), available at: www.foxla.com/news/narciso-barranco-oc-gardener-arrested-ice.

¹⁵ Jany, *Kidnappers or ICE agents? LAPD grapples with surge in calls from concerned citizens*, Los Angeles Times (July 3, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-07-03/los-angeles-police-immigration-kidnappings>

When a group of armed, masked men was spotted dragging a woman into an SUV in the Fashion District last week, a witness called 911 to report a kidnapping. But when Los Angeles Police Department officers arrived, instead of making arrests, they formed a line to protect the alleged abductors from an angry crowd of onlookers demanding the woman's release. The reported kidnappers, it turned out, were special agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement.¹⁶

This also creates confusion for local law enforcement who may have difficulty discerning between lawful immigration enforcement actions and criminal conduct by non-law enforcement persons. This is particularly true where local law enforcement is not aware of when and where immigration enforcement actions are taking place. As noted by the *Los Angeles Times*:

Increasingly aggressive immigration raids carried out by masked federal agents, sometimes using unmarked vehicles, are creating problems for local law enforcement agencies.

Police have little or no insight into where the federal enforcement actions are taking place but often have to deal with the aftermath, including protests and questions from residents about what exactly happened. In some cases, local cops have been mistaken for federal agents, eroding years of work to have immigrant communities trust the police.¹⁷

The prevalence of masked or otherwise unidentified immigration agents makes it easier for members of the public to impersonate ICE officers for the purposes of harassing, intimidating, or otherwise committing violence against members of the immigrant community. Earlier this year, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) reported three incidents of individuals impersonating ICE agents.¹⁸ Recently in Burbank, two masked men impersonating federal agents, stopped a woman and asked her for her papers.¹⁹ Several weeks ago, Huntington Park police arrested a man suspected of posing as a federal immigration officer.²⁰ In February of this year at least three states reported arresting individuals for allegedly impersonating ICE agents.²¹ In one example, a South Carolina man was charged with kidnapping and impersonating a police officer after allegedly detaining a group of Latino men.²² In another, a man allegedly impersonating an ICE officer sexually assaulted a woman and threatened to deport her if she did not have sex with him.²³

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

¹⁷ Solis and Winton, 'Who are these people?' Masked immigration agents challenge local police, sow fear in L.A., *Los Angeles Times* (June 24, 2025), available at: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-24/masked-immigration-agents-local-law-enforcement-tension> [as of July 10, 2025].

¹⁸ Medina et al., *Ice Impersonators Target Lausd Community, Sparking Fear and Protests*, NBC Los Angeles, NBC Southern California (Feb. 7, 2025), available at: www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/ice-impersonators-target-lausd-community/3626973/.

¹⁹ Jarvie, *supra*.

²⁰ Olivares, *US sees spate of arrests of civilians impersonating ICE officers*, *The Guardian* (June 28, 2025), available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/28/civilians-impersonating-ice-officers>

²¹ Moshtaghian et al., *Multiple ICE impersonation arrests made during nationwide immigration crackdown*, *CNN* (Feb. 5, 2025), available at: <https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/04/us/ice-impersonators-on-the-rise-arrests-made-as-authorities-issue-national-warning>

²² *Ibid.*

²³ *Ibid.*

- 2) **Argument in Support:** According to *California Immigrant Policy Center*, “SJR 9 seeks to denounce and condemn the mass immigration raids and arrests indiscriminately targeting immigrant workers and families across California and militarizing immigration enforcement in Southern California.

“California is the state with the largest immigrant population in the nation, where 1 in 4 Californians are immigrants, 1 in nearly 2 California children live in an immigrant family, and nearly half of California workers are immigrants or children of immigrants. More than 3.3 million mixed-status families live with undocumented family members across California. Immigrants enrich our communities, strengthen our economy, and contribute to the cultural and social fabric of the Golden State.

“Since June 6, 2025, federal agents – including from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – have been conducting large-scale, indiscriminate raids and arrests at homes, work sites, and public spaces in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties. More than 330 people – including US citizens – have been arrested and detained as of June 11, according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), while local rapid response networks are reporting more than 500 people have been arrested. Additionally, the federal administration has deployed thousands of California National Guard and hundreds of active-duty Marines to Los Angeles. Media reports National Guard and local law enforcement have been protecting federal agents while they conduct mass raids and arrests.

“The federal administration’s military-style raids and arrests have stoked intimidation and fear across California. Californians are being snatched from public streets, work sites, courts, schools, and churches by masked, armed federal agents in plainclothes and unmarked vehicles – often without a warrant or regard for constitutional rights and public safety. Immigration raids make California less safe – they make our neighbors and families terrified of going to work, picking up their children, calling for help, seeking medical care, and buying from local businesses.

“Everyone in California deserves safety, dignity and due process — and immigration raids and arrests undermine public safety, tear apart families, destabilize the workforce and economy, terrorize neighborhoods and destroy trust between communities and government. California, a state of immigrants, must take immediate actions to denounce the mass immigration raids and arrests and support immigrant workers and families being terrorized across the state.

“SJR 9 seeks to denounce the mass immigration raids and arrests, condemn the militarization of immigration enforcement, affirm support for safeguarding the rights and safety of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, and support, among other things, the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement.”

- 3) **Argument in Opposition:** None submitted

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Opposition

None

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