



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brian Mohan, City Manager

AGENDA DATE: February 18, 2025

TITLE: **BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS AND STATE LAW PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS (REPORT OF: CITY MANAGER**

TITLE SUMMARY: Background information regarding County and School District Resolutions and State Law pertaining to administration and enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws and Regulations

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Review background information regarding the administration and enforcement of the federal immigration laws and regulations and provide any necessary direction.

SUMMARY

This report provides background information regarding resolutions recently approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education of the Moreno Valley Unified School District regarding undocumented immigrants and refugees, and the California Values Act, which declared the State of California to be a sanctuary state.

BACKGROUND

State of California

On October 5, 2017, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 54, the California

Values Act, creating a statewide sanctuary law. This law bars state and local police from investigating, interrogating, or arresting people for immigration enforcement purposes, and limits — but does not entirely prohibit — police cooperation with federal immigration officials.

County of Riverside

On February 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2025-055 affirming “Riverside County to be a Vibrant, Compassionate, and Welcoming County for all Law-abiding Immigrants and Refugees.” As part of the Board of Supervisors’ approval, the Clerk of the Board was directed to transmit a copy of the resolution to all Riverside County cities, the County’s local state and federal legislators, and the Governor of California.

Moreno Valley Unified School District

On January 28, 2025, the Board of Education approved Resolution 2024-25-55 “Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status.” As part of the Board’s approval, they stated they are committed to the success of all students, irrespective of their immigration status or citizenship, and believe that every school site should be a welcoming place for all students and their families.

DISCUSSION

This report is simply intended to provide the City Council with the information it received related to the County and the School District’s positions on undocumented immigrants and refugees, along with background information related to the State of California’s sanctuary status. This report is not intended to provide a recommendation on the issue.

The City of Moreno Valley has never declared itself to be a “Sanctuary City,” nor has it adopted any resolutions or taken any other action with respect to the administration, application and enforcement of federal immigration laws and regulations by the Trump Administration. The current Administration has expressed its intent to sue and halt federal funding to jurisdictions that it believes are refusing to cooperate with federal agencies, focusing on those jurisdictions with "sanctuary" policies. Although the City of Moreno Valley has not established itself as a “sanctuary city,” there is concern that the Administration could target the City as a sanctuary city under the California Values Act since it is a “subdivision” of the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACT

The potential fiscal impact of being deprived of federal funds could be in the tens of millions of dollars, based on an analysis of the last few years of federal funding received and spent by the City. Based on a review of the City’s Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the last few years, it shows that the City received and spent the following in federal funding:

FY21 - \$15.6 Million

FY22 - \$46.5 Million
FY23 - \$33.2 Million
FY24 - Not yet published

NOTIFICATION

Publication of the Agenda.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Advocacy: Develop cooperative intergovernmental relationships and be a forceful advocate of City policies, objectives, and goals to appropriate external governments, agencies and corporations.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

Report Approval Details

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