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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY CONDEMNING **AGGRESSIVE** NONTRANSPARENT FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT TACTICS. REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO CONSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PRINCIPLES, AND DIRECTING PROACTIVE LOCAL RESPONSE MEASURES.

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City is home to a vibrant immigrant community, including mixed-status families who contribute to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the city; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 U.S. Census, over 21% of the City's population identifies as Hispanic or Latino and 22.9% of residents were born outside the United States: and

WHEREAS, recent federal immigration enforcement activity in the region, particularly by agencies such as ICE, HSI, Border Patrol, and other Homeland Security operatives, has increasingly involved the use of unmarked vehicles, masked agents, tactical gear, and personnel without visible identification or federal markings; and

WHEREAS, such tactics have been widely documented in national media and public forums, creating confusion and fear among residents, undermining the ability to verify whether those carrying out enforcement are legitimate federal agents or individuals posing as law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, numerous reports and video evidence show that even U.S. citizens and immigrants with lawful status have been mistakenly detained, questioned, or targeted, exacerbating distrust and public safety risks; and

WHEREAS, these enforcement methods blur the lines between local and federal law enforcement, especially in the absence of clear agency identification, increasing the likelihood of miscommunication, civil unrest, and community trauma; and

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City is committed to the rule of law, civil rights, and the safety and dignity of all its residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, California law, including the California Values Act (SB 54), and City Council Policy 2017-R025, prohibit the use of local resources to assist with federal civil immigration enforcement but allows municipalities to act within their legal authority to monitor and protect their communities from unaccountable or unauthorized activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that non-cooperation must not be confused with inaction, and that the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) and City staff should proactively work within legal bounds to document, verify, and safeguard against federal overreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

- 1. Condemnation of Enforcement Tactics: The City strongly condemns using unmarked vehicles, masked agents, and unidentifiable personnel in immigration enforcement activities conducted within the City, and views such tactics as harmful to public trust, community safety, and constitutional protections.
- 2. Demand for Federal Transparency and Standards: The City calls upon the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its sub-agencies to implement clear, uniform identification standards for all field agents, including marked vehicles, visible agency badges, and advance notice protocols when operating in or near local jurisdictions.

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