

1 possess the discretion and authority to adopt policies best suited to those communities;
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3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Culver City believes public safety is best achieved
4 through trust and collaboration between its community and local government, including its
5 departments and personnel, and not through the militarization or deputization of local
6 resources in service of federal civil immigration enforcement; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court has long recognized that
9 state and local governments retain primary authority over matters affecting the health,
10 safety, and welfare of their residents, and that decisions concerning local public resources
11 are best made by governments closest and most accountable to the people they serve;
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13 **WHEREAS**, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7 states that a city
14 may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, and other regulations not in conflict
15 with general laws; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the City's values and its rights pursuant to law,
18 on March 27, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution 2017-R025, declaring Culver City
19 to be a Sanctuary City for all its residents regardless of immigration status; and

20 **WHEREAS**, implementing an "ICE-Free Zone" policy to protect public
21 safety, ensure community members feel safe accessing City services and facilities, and
22 prevent voluntary use of City property to support federal civil immigration enforcement
23 would allow the City to continue to further protect public safety and promote community
24 trust during these times where fear and concern is prevalent among the community; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, as such, the City of Culver City desires to ensure City-owned or
27 City-controlled property is not voluntarily used to support federal civil immigration activities
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1 except when mandated by law, such as a valid judicial warrant or court order, through the
2 establishment of administrative procedures as outlined herein.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Culver City **DOES**
4 **HEREBY RESOLVE** as follows:

5 **Section 1.** In furtherance of the City of Culver City's policy agenda as a
6 Sanctuary City, the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, shall develop
7 administrative procedures to implement the following restrictions regarding City-owned and
8 City-controlled property:
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10 **1. Prohibited Uses of City Property.** Unless required by a valid judicial
11 warrant or court order, no department, employee, official, contractor, or agent of the City
12 shall knowingly permit City-owned or City-controlled property to be used for staging civil
13 immigration enforcement operations; processing, interviewing, or temporarily detaining
14 individuals for civil immigration purposes; surveillance or monitoring activities related to
15 civil immigration enforcement; or as operations bases, coordination points, or logistical
16 hubs for civil immigration enforcement actions.
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18 **2. Exceptions.** Nothing in the administrative procedures shall prohibit
19 federal officers or employees from entering areas of City property generally open to the
20 public, the City or any City employee from complying with a valid judicial warrant or court
21 order, or criminal law enforcement activities where civil immigration enforcement is not the
22 primary purpose.
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24 **3. Implementation.** City of Culver City departments shall receive
25 training, as appropriate, regarding the administrative procedures developed and issued
26 pursuant to this Resolution.
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1 **4. Enforcement; No Private Right of Action.** The administrative
2 procedures shall not, and this Resolution does not, create or form the basis of liability on
3 the part of the City or any City department, agency, official, or employee, nor shall they
4 create a private right of action against the City or any City personnel. The administrative
5 procedures shall be implemented through existing administrative policies and procedures
6 governing City operations. The City Manager may establish additional rules or regulations
7 necessary to carry out these administrative procedures.
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9 **5. Definitions.** For purposes of the administrative procedures, the
10 following definitions shall apply:

11 **A. “Civil immigration enforcement”** means any investigation,
12 detention, arrest, surveillance, monitoring, questioning, information-gathering, or
13 operational activity undertaken for primary purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration
14 laws, including actions by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or U.S.
15 Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
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17 **B. “City property” or “City-owned or City-controlled property”**
18 means any real or personal property, land, building, facility, structure, equipment, or
19 space owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the City of Culver City.

20 **C. “Judicial warrant” or “court order”** means a warrant or order
21 issued by a federal or state judge or magistrate based on probable cause and legally
22 sufficient to compel compliance by the City.
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24 **D. “Surveillance”** means observing, recording, monitoring, or
25 collecting information about individuals for civil immigration enforcement purposes,
26 including through cameras, license plate readers, drones, or other technologies.
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1 **Section 2.** If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be
3 affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this
4 Resolution are severable. The City Council of the City of Culver City hereby declares that it
5 would have passed each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase
6 hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, paragraphs,
7 sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.
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10 APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

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14 FREDDY PUZA, Mayor
15 City of Culver City, California

16 ATTEST:

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 JEREMY BOCCHINO, City Clerk

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22 HEATHER S. BAKER, City Attorney