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June 17, 2025

**Responding to Workforce and Economic Impact of Federal Immigration  
Enforcement in Los Angeles County**

On Friday, June 6, 2025, the federal government intensified its immigration enforcement in the County of Los Angeles (County), deploying widespread, aggressive tactics to remove large numbers of individuals from an array of workplaces, including, but not limited to carwashes, Home Depot parking lots, public streets, parking lots, and many more. The raids conducted by the federal government have removed people from their workplaces, leaving their families unaware and waiting for them to return home after a day at work. This is instilling fear in workers and their families across the County.

In response to the hardened immigration approach from the federal government and the Trump Administration’s decision to federalize the California National Guard and activate the Marine Corps against civilians, protests have risen across the region. Many immigrant workers, including those who operate their own businesses, are afraid to work due to the aggressive enforcement activities in recent days. The federal government’s escalation has also resulted in a curfew in Downtown Los Angeles, impacting local businesses. For many Downtown businesses still recovering from the pandemic, the local economic impact could be significant.

Cultural diversity is woven into the fabric of the County’s foundation, shaped by the significant contributions of immigrants who fuel the local economy, drive innovation and enrich its dynamic culture. Of the approximately 10.1 million Angelenos populating

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Los Angeles County, one-third are immigrants.<sup>1</sup> They are immigrant Angelenos who have built their lives in the County, establishing families, communities, and networks with more than 80 percent residing locally for at least a decade.

The impact of indiscriminate mass deportation has significant ripple effects beyond those at direct risk of removal. Nearly 1 in 5 Angelenos are either undocumented or live with someone who is.<sup>2</sup> Immigrant Angelenos continue to make significant contributions to the region's economy. In 2019, immigrants in the County contributed about \$115 billion to the economy through the federal, state, and local taxes they paid and their spending power combined. This includes \$11.4 billion to Social Security and \$3 billion to Medicare.<sup>3</sup> Yet, until recently, many undocumented immigrants were excluded from most public health and safety-net programs, and they are still ineligible for unemployment insurance, the primary safety net program for displaced workers.

At over \$960 billion, the GDP of Los Angeles County would rank as the 19th largest economy in the world.<sup>4</sup> The Trump Administration's hard-lined approach to immigration will impact the financial contribution the County provides to the State of California and to the entire United States.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Los Angeles

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<sup>1</sup> University of Southern California, Dornsife Equity Research Institute, "State of Immigrants in Los Angeles County: 2024," available at: [Final SOILA2024 Full Report v3.pdf](#).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> New American Economy, "New Americans in Los Angeles County," available at: [G4G LosAngelesCounty.pdf](#).

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Gross Domestic Product by County and Metropolitan Area," available at: [Gross Domestic Product: All Industries in Los Angeles County, CA \(GDPALL06037\) | FRED | St. Louis Fed.](#)

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County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to:

1. Collaborate with applicable entities and report back in writing within 15 days with an assessment that will, at minimum, produce the following data as a result of federal immigration enforcement in LA County:
  - a. Economic impact on small businesses due to loss of workforce including identification of the most impacted areas and most impacted types of businesses in the County of Los Angeles;
  - b. Economic impact of property damage and imposed curfews; and
  - c. Identify available supportive services for impacted small business and ways to make them available in a manner that is responsive to their language and immigration needs.
2. Identify the most impacted industrial sectors by connecting with labor unions and other applicable entities.
3. Continue to report back in writing on a monthly basis thereafter through December 2025 on datapoints identified in Directive 1.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DEO or their designee to enter into contracts not to exceed \$150,000 with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) for data and analysis needed in Directives 1-3, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and ensuring that data are protected and do not include identifiable information that may put individuals, systems and organizations at risk.
5. Collaborate with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), Small Business Commission, and the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board to convene impacted County departments and community stakeholders for a listening session to further inform Directive 1.

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6. Collaborate with OIA and DCBA's Office of Labor Equity, in consultation with County Counsel, to develop a rapid-response communication strategy for impacted businesses and workers that would facilitate access to legal aid, resources for impacted workers with rental concerns, mental health resources and, when feasible, financial resources. The strategy should, at minimum, include the following:
  - a. Develop and provide live webinars about resources and "Know Your Rights" information for business owners and workers across the County, ensuring that anonymity is allowed and interpretation is available for the languages spoken by the impacted business owners;
  - b. Produce and disseminate video webinars covering the information provided in live webinars, in English and the languages spoken by the impacted business owners, on a media platform that offers online privacy tools;
  - c. Develop a printable toolkit for small businesses and workers that includes resources to address the legal rights for small businesses; in collaboration with Department of Mental Health include information and resources to address employee stress and anxiety; and also create a toolkit or module that meets the unique needs of street vendors; and
  - d. Direct relevant community organizations funded by DEO to provide outreach to street vendors regarding resources, "Know Your Rights" cards and toolkit.
7. Include the OIA's "Know Your Rights" information in Youth@Work curriculum going forward; and collaborate with community-based organizations and relevant entities to extend Youth@Work opportunities such as expanding work hours from the current 150 hours to 400 hours to support youth and transitional-aged youth

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that have become the bread winners of their households due to separation from parental figures.

8. Partner with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Community Colleges, and other relevant schools to disseminate the information in Directive 6 to students and their parents and care providers.
9. Partner with the Chief Executive Office Center for Strategic Partnerships (CEO-CSP) and philanthropy to identify funding for a DEO-led business interruption fund for small businesses impacted Countywide due to loss of workforce and/or curfews imposed due to federal immigration enforcement activity, and to identify supplemental funding for Directive 6.
10. Partner with CEO-CSP and philanthropy to identify funding for local community-serving organizations to provide cash-assistance for impacted workers and youth/transitional-aged youth that have become head of household.
11. Report back in writing in 30 days and in 60 days on Directives 4-9.

**WE, FURTHER MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to advocate in support of state-level measures for impacted businesses and workers.

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