

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON TO PROCLAIM THE CITY OF STOCKTON AS A COMPASSIONATE CITY

The City Council recognizes that recent changes to federal immigration policies have generated fear and anxiety among city residents; and

The City of Stockton recognizes that the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") is responsible for enforcing federal civil immigration laws, thus the City has not authority nor jurisdiction for such enforcement; and

A relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and our local agencies, including law enforcement, schools, and healthcare providers is essential to carrying out basic local functions; and

It is the intent of the City that individuals feel secure in contacting or being addressed by City of Stockton law enforcement regardless of their immigration status. To encourage crime reporting and cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity, all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/or deportation; and

The City of Stockton recognizes the authority and jurisdiction of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to conduct sweeps, but strongly urges them not to: Break up families; Deport those that are here illegally, but have not broken any other laws; Detain or Deport anyone that is a victim or a witness in an ongoing investigation, court proceeding or trial; Conduct sweeps at schools, hospitals, places of worship or City buildings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Stockton hereby declares itself a compassionate city.
2. The City of Stockton shall not engage in activities solely for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law. The Stockton Police Department does not independently conduct sweeps or other organized efforts for the purpose of detaining suspected undocumented aliens. Members of the Police Department should not participate in federal immigration operations as a part of any detention team unless it is in direct response to a request for emergency assistance for compromised officer safety, or, as required by law.

3. Unless immigration status is relevant to another criminal offense or investigation, suspicion or knowledge of an undocumented alien shall not be the sole basis for contact, detention, or arrest. While it may be necessary to determine the identity of a victim or witness, members shall treat all individuals equally and without regard to race, color or national origin in any way that would violate the United States or California Constitution.
4. Individuals should not be held in custody solely for a civil immigration hold.
5. No City employee shall ask for or use knowledge of an individual's immigration status as a basis for providing services, unless it is material to the service being sought (i.e. immigration services).
6. City resources shall not be used to create, assist in the creation, or maintain a registry based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or national origin for the purpose of reporting any immigration-related data to federal law enforcement.
7. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED January 13, 2026.

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton