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BOARD CONDEMNS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously condemned escalating violence and harmful community impacts associated with recent federal immigration enforcement operations conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection.

The vote affirms the County's longstanding commitment to protecting the dignity, safety, and civil rights of all residents and expresses concern about the scope and intensity of recent federal enforcement actions and their effects on community safety and economic and social stability. It calls for accountability and an end to harmful enforcement practices and enforcement activity at sensitive locations such as schools, health care facilities, and places of worship. The resolution also asks the California Attorney General to hold all individuals, including federal agents, in violation of the law accountable.

Recent immigration enforcement activity across the country and within Santa Cruz County has generated fear and disruption in communities. Reports indicate that some residents have avoided workplaces, schools, health care facilities, and public spaces out of concern about detention, family separation, or potential rights violations. These conditions can contribute to workforce disruptions, decreased school attendance, delayed medical care, and erosion of trust in public institutions. The resolution requests that all individuals — including federal agents — be held accountable for any actions that violate the law.

"Santa Cruz County is home to a diverse community in which immigrant families play an essential role in our economy, schools, and civic life," said Third District Supervisor Justin Cummings, who drafted the item. "This resolution affirms our shared values of safety, dignity, and respect for constitutional rights for everyone who lives here."

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