

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 805 (PEREZ) “NO VIGILANTES ACT”

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, immigrant families are facing increased threats of deportation; and immigration policy proposals of the current federal administration have caused a sense of uncertainty and fear among the City of Costa Mesa’s community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa is comprised of approximately twenty-five (25) percent foreign-born residents; and

WHEREAS, strengthening and improving quality of life is a top priority of the Costa Mesa City Council; and

WHEREAS, community members have expressed fear and doubts as to the validity and accountability of those purporting to be immigration enforcement agents and question their conduct as being lawful and transparent; and

WHEREAS, residents have expressed their fears with attending public meetings, community events, recreational facilities, or sending their children to school; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has publicly condemned impersonations, and,

WHEREAS, the use of face coverings by ICE and lack of consistent, visible identification creates public confusion and makes it difficult for the public to distinguish between authorized law enforcement personnel and criminals; and

WHEREAS, these actions undermine public trust in law enforcement, especially among vulnerable individuals, and pose a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 805 (Perez) increases transparency and accountability for law enforcement and federal agents operating in California; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 805 (Perez) is known as the No Vigilantes Act and aims to expand police impersonation laws by:

- Requiring federal agents, including Ice agents, to visibly display identification that includes their name or badge number when performing duties;

- Strengthening laws against impersonating law enforcement or other government personnel, particularly when used to defraud others;
- Restricting individuals authorized to apprehend bail fugitives by prohibiting them from using their position for immigration enforcement; and
- Mandating that a person authorized to apprehend a bail fugitive must keep a defendant's immigration status confidential.

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa is in full support of legislative efforts to pass SB 805 and is committed to do everything in its power to effectuate the proposed legal standards and protection to protect our communities and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES its support for Senate Bill 805 (Perez), the No Vigilantes Act, which aims to address the use of face coverings and the absence of identifying information by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when conducting enforcement activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2025.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 19-xx and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the ____day of _____, 2025, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ____day of _____, 2025.

Brenda Green, City Clerk