



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 23, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Prohibition on the Use of City Property for Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Adopting Council Policy A-24, Prohibiting the Use of City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council Report).

BACKGROUND

On May 26, 2026, in response to a nationwide increase in federal civil immigration enforcement actions, continued increases in community fear related to these actions, and concern over the loss of life connected to these actions, the City Council directed staff to return to the Council with a policy prohibiting the use of City of Mountain View property for federal immigration enforcement activities.

Mountain View has long benefited from the contributions of immigrants and people from diverse backgrounds who have helped shape the City's cultural, economic, and civic life as residents, workers, students, and community leaders. In 2017, the City Council adopted the 'Community for All' Council Strategic Priority, confirming Mountain View's commitment to promote strategies to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the community's socio-economic and cultural diversity.

Recent federal immigration enforcement activities in the United States, carried out by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), have raised questions for local governments regarding community trust, use of local resources, and the role of cities in relation to federal civil immigration enforcement.

In the last several months, the County of Santa Clara, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and the cities of Campbell, Santa Clara, San Jose, and Sunnyvale have each adopted policies prohibiting the use of city-owned property for federal immigration enforcement.

ANALYSIS

As directed by the City Council on May 26, staff have drafted the proposed City Council Policy A-24 (Exhibit A to Attachment 1), which will establish a City policy to restrict the use of any City-owned or City-controlled land, vacant lot, parking lot, parking garages, park, open space or other facility, building, or structure as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement purposes.

The policy does not apply to:

- Property that is being used for the lawful execution of a judicial warrant;
- Property that is being used for criminal enforcement activities; and
- Property that is the subject of an existing lease, license, or other agreement with the City unless otherwise agreed to by the parties to that existing agreement.

In October 2025, staff developed a protocol for employee interactions with Federal agents (Attachment 2). This protocol provides clear steps for employees to follow in the event they are approached by Federal law enforcement agents or if agents arrive at City facilities, parks, programs, or events. These steps are intended to provide employees with guidance on what to say and do in such a situation to engage support and additional guidance from the Mountain View Police Department, City Manager's Office, and City Attorney's Office. Key staff in these departments will determine and facilitate the appropriate response. Federal law enforcement agents cannot be impeded from being in spaces open to the public.

The protocol also provides information about resources provided by the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, and the community-led Rapid Response Network. Additionally, the City's Immigrant Resources [webpage](#) includes an immigrant resources navigator, along with an informational flyer from the Mountain View Police Department in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Chinese](#).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Council adopting the attached resolution.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a "license, permit, or other entitlement for use" if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent

financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

General policy and legislative actions

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the resolution with amendments to the draft policy.
2. Do not adopt the attached resolution, including the draft policy.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution and Exhibit A (Council Policy A-24)
 2. Employee Protocol for Interactions with Federal Agents