



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number:
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To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: February 7, 2017

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Supervisor Shirlee Zane 565-2431

Supervisorial District(s):

Title: Minute Order and Resolution on Immigrant Services and Protections

Recommended Actions:

- A. Adopt a Minute Order directing staff to:
1. Provide a summary of current legislative and executive activity at the State and Federal level, including an analysis of SB 54 (de León), and make related recommendations;
 2. Assess the opportunity and need for a community summit on immigration issues, including a proposal for a scope and budget for such summit;
 3. Assess the County and community's capacity for immigrant legal deportation defense, and propose opportunities to strategically enhance that capacity;
 4. Identify opportunities to further engage the community and disseminate information on rights and services for undocumented immigrants; and
 5. Assess the County's current immigration-related activities and seek additional potential local actions or programs to maintain the safety of immigrant communities.
- B. Adopt a Resolution affirming the County's commitment to protecting the rights of all residents regardless of immigration status.

Executive Summary:

While immigration and immigrant rights have long been an issue of importance to Sonoma County, current federal and state executive and legislative actions demonstrate a need for the County to reassess the needs of undocumented community members with respect to services and legal protection. This proposed minute order directs staff to research and provide an analysis of recent developments in immigration law, identify opportunities for legislative advocacy at the State and Federal levels, and consider and propose opportunities to support service provision and dissemination of information. This action also recommends the adoption of a resolution to affirm the County's commitment to supporting the rights of all residents regardless of immigration status.

Discussion:

On January 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2017-2018 Legislative Platform, which sets forth those issues for which the County intends to advocate at a State and Federal level. The Platform

includes the County’s intention to support efforts to enhance legal protections for undocumented immigrants, increase funding for legal services and deportation defense, and address the growing number of undocumented children crossing the border, including increasing funds for immigration-related legal services, shelter and care. The Board requested that staff follow up with an analysis of recently introduced legislation and actions the County can take to support local immigrant communities.

The proposed action memorializes the Board’s priorities and areas of interest for further analysis. The order details the work staff will undertake to return to the Board for consideration and action. Staff’s work will include the following:

- Researching and analyzing current and recently introduced or enacted immigration laws and executive orders to understand the legal and political landscape, identify opportunities to advocate for change at the State and Federal levels, and weigh any potential risks associated with those efforts.
- Engaging with local governments, local nonprofits and community members to develop a plan for an immigrant rights summit to identify strategic areas for action and support and potential solutions.
- Identifying services for immigrants, analyzing the sufficiency and eligibility for those services as compared with the need, conducting a service gap analysis, and researching and assessing opportunities for the County to support legal services for immigrants either within the County or within community organizations.
- Identifying current outreach and education efforts and consider opportunities to enhance or support those efforts.

Following adoption of this minute order, staff is directed to return to the Board within a month with an update and recommended action plan with respect to the above.

Prior Board Actions:

January 10, 2017: The Board adopted the 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislative Platform which authorizes legislative advocacy efforts.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Supporting broad immigration reform and enhancement of immigrant rights protects the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Sonoma County by ensuring that all residents, regardless of immigration status or the status of their family members, feel secure in their communities and have safe access to essential services.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 16-17 Adopted	FY 17-18 Projected	FY 18-19 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$13,500		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$13,500		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF	\$13,500		
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$13,500		
Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:			
Staff anticipates that the County Administrator’s Office, the County Counsel’s Office and several other County departments will expend approximately 100 hours of work to complete the work as directed by this minute order.			
Staffing Impacts			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):			
None.			
Attachments:			
Attachment A: Minute Order Attachment B: Resolution on Commitment to Diversity and Civil Rights			
Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:			



County of Sonoma
State of California

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4/5 Vote Required

Minute Order Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Directing County Staff to Research and Analyze Immigration-Related Issues and Develop Recommended Actions for the Board of Supervisors to Improve Immigrant Rights and Services.

Directs staff to work on immigration-related issues and return with a report and recommended actions to protect and enhance the rights of undocumented immigrants and their families, including the following:

- A. Provide a summary of current legislative and executive activity at the State and Federal level, including an analysis of SB 54 (de León), and make related recommendations;
- B. Assess the opportunity and need for a community summit on immigration issues, including a proposal for a scope and budget for such summit;
- C. Assess the County and community's capacity for immigrant legal deportation defense, and propose opportunities to strategically enhance that capacity;
- D. Identify opportunities to further engage the community and disseminate information to County clients on rights and services for undocumented immigrants; and
- E. Survey the County's current immigration-related activities and seek additional potential local actions or programs to maintain the safety of immigrant communities.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Zane:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.



County of Sonoma
State of California

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Affirming the County's Commitment To Diversity And To Safeguarding The Civil Rights, Safety
And Dignity Of All Our Residents.**

Whereas, the County of Sonoma ("County") is home to persons of diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population, with varied cultures, religions, orientations, abilities and viewpoints; and

Whereas, the County believes that diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of the American people makes our nation, our communities, and our economy richer and stronger; and

Whereas, recent activities, including executive orders signed by the new federal administration, have spurred a sense of uncertainty and fear among many communities in Sonoma County, throughout our State and across the Nation; and

Whereas, the County respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents, regardless of immigration status; and

Whereas, the County assures its vulnerable communities that the County supports them, will strive to maintain and improve their quality of life, and will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, bullying, or harassment; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors commits to:

1. Providing essential services to all County residents regardless of immigration status; and
2. Developing solutions to ensure respect for the rights of all residents and to take actions to ensure the family unity, community security, dignity and due process for all residents of Sonoma County.

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