

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-30**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CALL TO ACTION TO ALL OF ITS FEDERALLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS WHO RESIDE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF GOLETA**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **SECTION 1. Findings.**

- A. In recent weeks, elected officials throughout the country, and especially in California, have objected to immigration enforcement actions by the federal administration that many describe as unethical, immoral, and potentially illegal.
- B. As recently as July 10, 2025, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency ("ICE") agents conducted an immigration raid at farms in Carpinteria and Camarillo, arresting over 300 people and detaining about 14 minor children. Protestors were also on scene and caught in the chaos of the situation.
- C. The Mayor and City Councilmembers of the City of Goleta have heard the community's concerns through protests, social media and many public comments regarding ICE's presence in the City, and desire to unite and collectively demonstrate they are willing, able and prepared to do more to respond to the significant public outcry and assist within their authority and jurisdiction.
- D. As a result of the recent ICE raids, there have been noticeable negative economic and social impacts to the community, as fewer people are frequenting commercial and retail establishments, for fear of being targeted by ICE.
- E. While President Trump had promised that federal immigration enforcement would focus on targeting criminals, the City of Goleta has heard stories of racial profiling, arresting people without criminal records, and uneven enforcement.
- F. Given that uncertainty about federal immigration enforcement operations creates fear in the community, the City Council desires to learn more about recent operations by directing staff to submit Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests to ICE and other federal agencies.

**SECTION 2. A Call to Action to All Federal Elected Representatives to Advocate for the People of Goleta.**

- A. The City Council hereby calls upon all of its federal elected representatives in Congress to advocate on behalf of the people of Goleta including advocating on behalf of immigrants who reside and work in the City of Goleta.
- B. The City Council calls upon its federal elected representatives to insist that ICE and federal enforcement officers comply with 8 C.F.R. 287.8(c)(2)(iii) to ensure that such officers properly identify themselves as immigration officers as soon as it is practical and safe to do so, who are authorized to execute an arrest and state that the person they are detaining is under arrest and provide the reason for their arrest.
- C. The City Council hereby directs staff to send a copy of this Resolution to all elected members of Congress whose jurisdiction covers any part of the City of Goleta.

**SECTION 3. CEQA Determination.**

The City Council hereby makes the following findings with respect to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"): This Resolution is not subject to CEQA ("Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) because it does not qualify as a "project" under CEQA. The State CEQA Guidelines provide that "[a]n activity is not subject to CEQA if ... the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378." (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15060(c).) Here, the Resolution does not qualify as a "project" as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378 for at least two different reasons: First, Section 15378 defines a project as an activity that "has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(a).) Here, the Resolution makes a public plea and gives staff direction, which certainly will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Accordingly, the Resolution is not a "project" subject to CEQA. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15060(c).)

Second, Section 15378 explicitly excludes from its definition of "project" the following: "organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment." (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15378(b)(5).) The Resolution authorizes and directs staff to engage in administrative activities that will not result in a physical change in the environment, and it therefore is not subject to CEQA. (Ibid.).

In the alternative, the Resolution is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which provides that activity is exempt from CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in

question may have a significant effect on the environment. Here, the Resolution makes a public plea and gives staff direction, which certainly will not result in any physical alterations or activities that could affect the environment and are not expected to have any significant environmental impact.

**SECTION 4. Custodian of Record.**

The documents and materials associated with this Resolution that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings are based on located at Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Goleta, California 93117. The City Clerk is the custodian of the record of proceedings.

**SECTION 5. Severability.**

If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

**SECTION 7.**

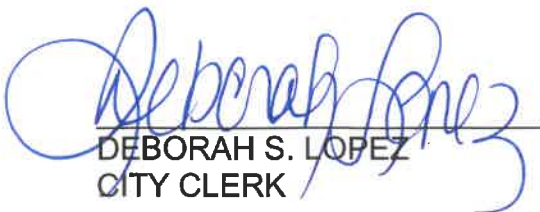
The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a special meeting held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025.

  
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PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

  
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ISAAC ROSEN  
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ) ss.  
CITY OF GOLETA )

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-30 was duly adopted by  
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a special meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
July 2025, by the following roll call vote of the Council:

AYES: MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KASDIN,  
COUNCILMEMBERS KYRIACO, REYES-MARTÍN AND  
SMITH

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK