

From: [Ruth Eastman](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Policy Barring federal immigration officials from certain city spaces
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 8:33:19 AM

I support the proposal to bar federal immigration officials from certain city spaces and hope it is passed.

Registered Voter and Santa Rosa City resident

Ruth Eastman

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Kind regards

Ruth Eastman

From: [Trish Nugent](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#); [Trish Nugent](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE Free Zone-YES
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 8:36:33 AM

Dear Council Members,

I am a long time Santa Rosa resident. This is my first written comment to the city council. Citizens of our wonderful city are missing work and their children are missing school. They include both documented and undocumented people because ICE sweeps in other cities have been indiscriminate. Please pass an ICE Free zone ordinance barring immigration officials from all city property, including the courthouse.

Sincerely,

Trish Nugent

Santa Rosa

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From: [Heidi Doughty](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE Free Zone
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 9:34:29 AM

Dear Santa Rosa City Council,

Thank you for all the work you do for our community.

I feel very strongly that city property and resources should be used to support local programs and to deliver public services. City property should NOT be used to help ICE in any way. The presence of ICE in any location in our Santa Rosa, but especially on city property, only serves to destroy the very community you are serving.

No ICE on city property!! No city support for ICE in any form. ICE does not belong in Santa Rosa!!

Thank you,
Heidi Doughty
Sonoma County Resident

From: [Findling, Rhonda](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes on ICE-Free Zones
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 9:28:18 AM

Dear Santa Rosa City Council: I strongly support ICE-Free Zones, and urge you to vote Yes tomorrow. As a recently retired SRJC counseling faculty who worked primarily with Latino/a students, I saw first-hand how the threat of ICE has terrorized our community.

I heard stories of parents afraid to send their children to school and seek medical services. I just heard one story of a father who works construction. When he drove into a Home Depot parking lot, he thought he saw ICE officers. He crouched down near the gas/brake pedals for four hours in complete panic and terror. Some families are afraid to even go to the grocery store, and their children are having nightmares. This is all unacceptable.

We have thousands of law-abiding immigrants living in our communities who make a positive contribution. Many are picking our fruits and vegetables, cleaning homes and offices, and caring for our gardens. They deserve our support and protection. Please vote Yes tomorrow for ICE-Free Zones.

Rhonda Findling, retired SRJC faculty

From: [Dale Axelrod](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Cc: [Alvarez, Eddie](#); [Stapp, Mark](#); [Stapp, Mark](#); [MacDonald, Dianna](#); [Fleming, Victoria](#); [Banuelos, Caroline](#); [Okrepkie, Jeff](#); [Rogers, Natalie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SCDP Support for Proposed Ordinance Restricting Use of City Resources and Properties in Civil Immigration Enforcement
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 11:53:49 AM
Attachments: [SCDP Support Letter Santa Rosa City Council Ordinance.pdf](#)
[SCDP Support Letter Santa Rosa City Council Ordinance.pages](#)
[SCDP Support Letter Santa Rosa City Council Ordinance.docx](#)
Importance: High

Dear Santa Rosa City Council Members,

Please note attached letter SUPPORT letter.

Thanks!

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Dale Axelrod (he/his)
Sonoma County Democratic Party
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March 23, 2026

Santa Rosa City Council
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RE: SUPPORT – Proposed Ordinance Restricting Use of City Resources and Properties in Civil Immigration Enforcement

Dear Santa Rosa City Council Members,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Democratic Party, I write to indicate our strong support for the proposed restrictive ordinance which states that no City funds, personnel time, equipment, databases, or other resources shall be used to investigate, detain, report, or arrest persons for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement, except where required by state or federal law.

In particular, we note that this ordinance is consistent with California law, including the California Values Act (Government Code Section 7284 et seq.), and reflects policies similar in purpose to those adopted in other California jurisdictions **which emphasize that entanglement with federal immigration enforcement jeopardizes public safety by deterring immigrants from reporting crimes or seeking assistance.**

Our understanding is that similar resolutions are or may be considered by other municipalities in Sonoma County. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dale Axelrod,
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Chair – Outreach, Advocacy, & Legislation Committee
Sonoma County Democratic Party

The Sonoma County Democratic Party (SCDP / Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee) is the official governing body of the Democratic Party in Sonoma County. The SCDP works in cooperation with the California Democratic Party (CDP) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Public meetings of the Sonoma County Democratic Party are open to all registered Democrats.

From: [Vikki Miller](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strong Opposition to Continued Collaboration, with limited exceptions ,with ICE in Sonoma County
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 12:41:17 PM

Dear Members of the Santa Rosa City Council,

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to any continued collaboration between the City of Santa Rosa and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), with the only exception being cooperation in cases involving individuals who have been convicted of, or are credibly and lawfully suspected of, serious violent criminal offenses, based on clear evidence and due process protections.

I am submitting this comment in direct response to the proposed ordinance on your upcoming agenda that would clarify how city property and resources may be used in relation to ICE activities.

Allowing ICE to operate with the support or acquiescence of local government contributes directly to the fear, instability, and harm being experienced by families across our community, both documented and undocumented. This kind of collaboration erodes trust and undermines the very foundation of public safety.

There are also well documented concerns about the capacity and conduct of immigration enforcement practices. Reports and investigations have raised serious questions about ICE being overextended and insufficiently trained for the scope of its responsibilities. Equally troubling are documented patterns in which individuals are identified or targeted based on appearance, language, or perceived background, rather than clear, evidence based criteria. These practices raise profound civil rights concerns and further damage trust between communities and the institutions meant to serve them.

In addition, reports of deaths occurring in immigration custody have recently increased, raising further alarm about oversight, conditions, and accountability. These incidents, including cases involving individuals who should never have been placed in harm's way, underscore the seriousness of the risks associated with these enforcement systems and the need for caution at the local level.

City and county reports alike have acknowledged what many of us are

witnessing. Aggressive immigration enforcement discourages people from participating in public life. Families become afraid to seek medical care, send their children to school, report crimes, or go to work. These are not abstract concerns. They are real consequences that weaken public health, disrupt education, and harm our local economy.

Research from the Urban Institute found that one in six adults in immigrant families avoid public programs or services due to fear tied to immigration enforcement. Similar patterns have been documented in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., where enforcement surges have driven people into the shadows rather than making communities safer.

Santa Rosa should not be complicit in actions that destabilize neighborhoods and drive families into fear. Our city must stand firmly for policies that protect residents, strengthen trust, and ensure that public resources are used to serve the community, not to support enforcement practices that undermine it.

I urge you to adopt clear and enforceable limits on the use of city property and resources in relation to ICE activities, with any exception narrowly defined and grounded in verified evidence, legal standards, and accountability. There must also be meaningful oversight and consequences for violations of these policies.

This is not only a policy decision. It is a reflection of our community's values. Santa Rosa should be a place where all residents feel safe to live, work, and participate in civic life without fear.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email with any questions. I have witnessed firsthand the trauma many families continue to experience, with a particularly profound impact on children.

Sincerely,

Vikki Miller
Sonoma County resident
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From: [Byron Durkee](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bar Federal immigration authorities from certain city spaces
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 3:23:34 PM

The use of city property and resources for immigration enforcement is not defined as "city purpose" and would be considered an unauthorized use under the proposed rules. A ICE-free zone policy should be maintained by the City Council in order to affirm the city's commitment to immigrant communities and maintain an intimidation-free zone for city business.

Byron J. Durkee
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From: [Amy Jolly](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#); [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep ICE out of our Community
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:25:19 PM

Dear Members of the Santa Rosa City Council,
Now is the time for you to act on behalf of your constituents and adopt a clear policy prohibiting the use of city-owned or city-controlled property for federal immigration enforcement activities.

This is a matter of public safety, and community trust. When local public spaces, such as municipal buildings, parking facilities, or service centers, are used to facilitate immigration enforcement, it undermines the ability of residents to safely access schools and other essential services. Individuals become less likely to report crimes, seek medical care, access housing assistance, or engage with city programs out of fear that doing so could expose them or their family members to detention or deportation.

ICE's aggressive enforcement tactics create a climate of fear that extends beyond immigrants. They affect anyone vulnerable to racial profiling, children, families and community members. This weakens the fabric of our community, compromises public safety for all, and erodes trust in your leadership.

A policy restricting the use of city property for these purposes would demonstrate leadership and communicates a clear commitment to the safety and wellbeing of your constituents. Importantly, this measure does not obstruct federal law, it is consistent with constitutional principles and affirms The City's authority to determine how our assets and resources are used, ensuring they serve the public interest and the wellbeing of the people who live and work here.

I urge the Council to act with integrity and bravery for the good and safety of your community by:

- Passing an ordinance explicitly prohibiting the use of city property for immigration enforcement activities
- Establishing clear implementation guidelines for all departments and partner agencies.
- Creating oversight and accountability mechanisms to ensure compliance

At a time when many communities are grappling with fear and uncertainty, this policy represents a concrete step toward stability, fairness, and responsible governance.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. I respectfully ask that you move a protective measure forward without delay.

Sincerely,
Amy Jolly
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In Joy

Amy

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." The Talmud

From: [Robert Dischler](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't authorize ICE
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:45:04 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am a registered voter and property owner at 2325 Sean Ct. in Santa Rosa. It is time to act keep ICE out of our community. This is a matter of public safety to deny ICE access to city owned or controlled properties. In light of coming reelections for many of you, please heed the calls from your constituents, use the City of Mountain Views' sanctuary ordinance if you need a model.

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From: [Jennie Orvino](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE-freeZone VOTE YES
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:52:46 PM

I am a homeowner in South Park area of Santa Rosa. I care very much about the safety and well being and comfort of my neighbors, more than 25% of whom are Latino. Not enough not-profit organizations, universities, businesses, journalistic businesses, etc. etc. have stood up to the Trump administration's intimidation and non-stop lawbreaking and violations of our constitution. Trump himself is heartless and criminally insane. Please vote for the city ordinance that will keep some areas of Santa Rosa off limits to ICE. It's the least we can do in these terrible times for the United States and the world.

NO KINGS. NO WARS. NO ICE.

Jennie Orvino
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