

## Waive Early Council Agenda Policy 000-35 Sanctuary City

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## SUMMARY

 Early Council Agenda Policy 000 -35 states that no item of business may be discussed or acted upon by the Council at a regular meeting unless a description of the item appears on a public agenda at least nine days prior to the meeting at which the item is scheduled. The nine day posting requirement is subject to several exceptions, including a showing of good cause.

## PROPOSED

- Council may find that good cause based on the following:
- Many members of the public question the role the City will play in enforcing federal immigration laws and, as a result, may avoid contacting the City's police or fire departments when they are in need of public safety services. Delaying Council's consideration of Item 14.2 until its February 14, 2017 would prejudice members of the public by allowing this fear and uncertainty about the City's role in enforcing federal immigration laws to continue.

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by staff that the City Council consider whether to pass a motion, finding good cause for waiving the nine-day public agenda posting requirement in Early Council Agenda Policy 000-35 so that it may consider and act on Agenda Item No. 14.2 Report – Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Rosa to Safeguard the Civil Rights, Safety and Dignity of all Santa Rosa Residents.

QUESTIONS ?

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