



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 11, 2026

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Addendum Item Request for the February 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

In follow up to the February 3, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting, Agenda Item No. 21, *Protecting County-Owned Properties*, which directed the County Administrator to provide a policy, the attached Resolution is submitted in response to that direction.

Please place an item on the February 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Addendum entitled:

Discussion/Direction/Action

Resolution No. 2026__ **PROHIBITING THE USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND RESOURCES FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS.**

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Monica Perez, Chief of Staff

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

**PROHIBITING THE USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND RESOURCES
FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS**

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds that:

1. Pima County is home to a diverse and vibrant community of people representing many races, ethnicities, and national origins.
2. Fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between County government and county residents is essential to upholding the County's mission of ensuring public health and safety and serving the needs of the entire community.
3. Civil immigration enforcement activities have historically undermined community trust, spread fear, and created barriers to accessing essential County services.
4. Recent arbitrary and unfocused civil immigration activities conducted by the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have trampled on civil and constitutional rights, recklessly endangered citizens and non-citizens alike, and culminated in the deaths of detainees and peaceful protesters. According to a recent survey published in the *Wall Street Journal*, 92% of people detained by ICE in the course of these activities have had no criminal record.
5. The County has statutory authority under A.R.S. § 11-201(4) to make such orders for the use of its property as the interests of the inhabitants of the county require. Moreover, "the government, like a private owner of property, "has power to preserve the property under its control for the use to which it is lawfully dedicated," *Korwin v. Cotton*, 234 Ariz. 549, 555 (App. 2014), citing *Perry Educ. Ass'n v. Perry Local Educators' Ass'n*, 460 U.S. 37, 45 (1983).
6. County-owned and County-operated buildings exist to provide public services and civic access, and the presence of ICE officers conducting civil immigration enforcement activities within County buildings and facilities may deter residents, particularly immigrant and mixed-status families, from accessing essential services, participating in public processes, or engaging with County programs.
7. The unauthorized use of County property and resources for civil immigration operations interferes with the County's authority over, and use of, its own property and erodes trust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement, weakening the relationships that are essential to ensuring public safety and effective community policing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. Purpose and Aspirations

- A. The Board of Supervisors reaffirms Pima County's commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community, and to protecting the safety, dignity, and civil rights of all residents, regardless of immigration status.
- B. The Board of Supervisors encourages and urges cities, towns, school districts, and other local governmental entities within and beyond Pima County, as well as health care organizations and public transit systems, to consider adopting similar policies and resolutions.

Section 2. Prohibition on County Consent for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities in County Facilities.

- A. No County department, agency, officer, or employee shall give consent for federal officials to access or use any Pima County-owned, leased, or operated building, facility, or property for purposes of civil immigration enforcement without a valid arrest warrant signed by a federal or state judicial officer, or other signed writ or order from a federal or state judicial officer authorizing such access, and no such purported consent by a County department, agency, officer, or employee shall be deemed consent by the County for any such access or use.
- B. County employees and officers acting in the course of their employment or official duties shall not voluntarily assist, facilitate, or cooperate with civil immigration enforcement activities, including by giving federal immigration agents access to individuals or allowing them to use County facilities for investigative interviews or other purposes, except where such assistance is required by law.

Section 3. Prohibition on Use of County Property as a Staging Area, Processing Location, or Operations Base for Civil Immigration Enforcement.

- A. No County-owned and controlled property, including but not limited to parking lots, vacant lots, or garages, shall be used as a staging area, processing location, or operations base for civil immigration enforcement.
- B. For purposes of this Resolution, "staging area" means an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations.

Section 4. Implementation and Enforcement.

- A. County Departments and Agencies shall develop policies and procedures as necessary to implement this Resolution. Implementing procedures shall provide that any County employee who becomes aware of the attempted or actual use of

County property or resources for civil immigration enforcement shall immediately report to their supervisor, who will communicate with County Administration.

- B. County Departments and Agencies shall collaborate to identify County-owned and controlled properties that either have been used, or are likely to be used in the future, as staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement. County Departments and Agencies shall ensure that all such properties have clear signage stating:

This property is owned and controlled by Pima County. It may not be used for civil immigration enforcement as a Staging Area, Processing Location, or Operations Base.

- C. County Departments and Agencies shall further ensure that, wherever appropriate, physical barriers such as locked gates are used to limit access to County-owned and controlled parking lots, vacant lots, or garages consistent with this Resolution.

Section 5. Signage Template for Private Property Owners.

- A. County Administration shall design a signage template that private property owners and leaseholders may use to create signage to identify non-public areas in which they wish to lawfully restrict activities related to civil immigration enforcement. Property owners and leaseholders that use this signage do so at their own discretion and assume any legal risk associated therewith. County Administration shall also make available to the public “know your rights” materials regarding the rights regarding entry by immigration enforcement officials.

Section 6. Scope.

- A. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of court orders or lawful judicial warrants; with the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law; with providing assistance with the investigative activities of any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency relating to suspected violations of criminal law; with the enforcement of criminal law; or as limiting or restricting the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.
- B. This Resolution does not apply to any County property that is subject to an existing lease or agreement with another party and does not alter the County’s rights and obligations under the terms of any existing contract.
- C. This Resolution shall be implemented in a manner consistent with federal laws regulating immigration, protecting the civil rights of all persons and respecting the privileges and immunities of United States citizens.

Section 7. Effective date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2026.

Jennifer Allen, Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melissa Maniquez, Clerk of the Board

Jonathan Pinkney
County Attorney
