

Supporting Immigrant Communities Ad Hoc Meeting Notes - October 9, 2025

1. Review Agreements and Agenda – County

- Reaffirmed and expanded shared meeting agreements.
- Discussed awareness of decorum with attendees, following communications from two participants that they would no longer participate in the meetings due to discomfort with communication styles in prior meetings.
- Supervisor Hermosillo shared she had to leave 15 minutes before the end of the meeting.

2. District Townhalls Discussion – Coalition

- Coalition provided a summary of their interest related to the County conducting District Townhalls related to current immigration support and information
- Coalition also shared their interest in discussing emergency response planning for any large immigration enforcement actions in Sonoma County. County shared that representatives will be joining a Bay Area regional meeting with other jurisdictions to discuss a possible response to such actions in the region.

3. Response to Non-collaboration Ordinance Proposal by Sanctuary Coalition – County

- County provided a response to the Coalition's draft ordinance with color-coding. County shared intent to develop a non-codified Ordinance, applicable to all County departments and staff under the Board's jurisdiction.
- County representatives reiterated that the Board cannot direct policies of independently elected officials (Sheriff/DA) and will focus the ordinance on departments under County authority.
- The Coalition shared this was insufficient and shared their concerns. Coalition members emphasized that inclusion of the Sheriff remains important for community trust.

4. County Updates – County

- **Charter approved by Board on September 23rd**
 - i. Was not discussed due to lack of time.
- **Law Enforcement Masking Ordinance**
 - i. Was not discussed due to lack of time.
- **ICE Protocols County-wide Staff Training – status update**
 - i. Was not discussed due to lack of time.
- **Additional Items**

Supervisor Hopkins shared details of a recent meeting in which she participated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Sheriff Engram. While DHS expressed displeasure with the Sheriff's protocols for providing information to ICE, and suggested greater cooperation, they also shared that their efforts are currently aimed at meeting immigration enforcement goals by focusing on individuals involved in the justice system. However, if at any point they are unable to meet goals in the region through this approach, they may broaden their procedures to conducting immigration enforcement activities in the broader community.

- Before closing the conversation, Coalition members requested that all staff members and Supervisors make themselves available throughout the duration of the meeting moving forward.

5. Next Meetings –

- October 29th, 1:00pm
 - i. Agenda Topics:
 1. Sonoma County Community Foundation – community and business engagement opportunities
- Additional meetings being scheduled

6. Future Agenda Items –

- Review Sanctuary Coalition's 5 Goals:
 - i. Non-collaboration Ordinance;
 - ii. County employee ICE protocols and internal training;
 - iii. Sheriff's Office policies;
 - iv. Funding for legal services and other resources;
 - v. Emergency response planning, with a focus on public health.
- New Work Requirements for Benefits: brainstorm around opportunities