

Supporting Immigrant Communities Ad Hoc Meeting Notes - October 29, 2025

1. Review Agreements and Agenda – County

- Reaffirmed and expanded shared meeting agreements.

2. County Updates – County

- Law Enforcement Masking Ordinance – currently in meet and confer process with four labor unions.
- ICE Protocols County-wide Staff Training – draft sent to Secure Families for review and input.
- Items coming to the Board on November 4th: 1) food insecurity funding to support Redwood Empire Food Bank; 2) consideration of developing a policy to restrict that County property may not be used for immigration enforcement activities.
- Department of Emergency Management (DEM) led an Operations Area call with all local county/regional partners on October 24th related to potential Bay Area ICE activity.
- DEM drafting a Concept of Operations document to respond to community needs as a result of any large-scale immigration enforcement actions in Sonoma County.
- Additional immigration enforcement resources were added to the County Immigrant Resources website.
- County will participate in “Belonging in the Bay” convening of Bay Area counties on November 5th.

3. Community and Business Engagement Opportunities – County and Community Foundation

- Oscar Chavez from the Community Foundation Sonoma County presented on their recent Opportunity Assessment and shared findings and concepts for engaging the local business community. Also provided a high-level overview of funding to be released into the community following recent application processes related to the Fund for Belonging and Resilient Organizations funding programs. Also highlighted the Fund for Basic Human Needs which they are reviewing in light of the current government shutdown and federal impacts.

4. Next Meeting –

- November 18, 2025, 10:30-12pm
 - i. Will discuss status of the DEM post-immigration event local response plan.
- December 15, 2025, 3:30-5:00pm
- Members of the Sanctuary Coalition requested to change the agreed-upon meeting cadence to more frequent meetings in response to recent events.