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## **Huntington Park Unanimously Passes Sanctuary City Ordinance to Safeguard Civil Rights and Public Safety**

*Huntington Park draws the line: No fear, no collaboration, no compromise on rights*

HUNTINGTON PARK, CA – In a decisive and unified action, the Huntington Park City Council voted 5-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-06, formally designating the City of Huntington Park as a Sanctuary City. This ordinance establishes clear procedures that prohibit the use of city resources, personnel, and facilities for federal immigration enforcement unless explicitly required by law.

The action was taken in direct response to multiple disturbing reports of unmarked federal vehicles detaining individuals without warrants or proper identification, sparking widespread fear, confusion, and distrust within the city's largely immigrant population. These unauthorized tactics have undermined public confidence and posed serious questions about constitutional protections and community safety.

"For too long, the previous leaders turned a blind eye to our most vulnerable residents. Now we have unknown individuals disrupting our neighborhoods and sowing fear throughout our community—often in ways that appeared to trample on the very constitutional rights meant to protect us all," said Mayor Arturo Flores. "This ordinance is a long-overdue correction. It affirms our values, defends our residents, and makes clear that in Huntington Park, we will take a stand against the deliberate targeting and victimizing of our community.

Ordinance No. 2025-06 reinforces the City's commitment to constitutional protections by:

- Prohibiting cooperation with immigration enforcement activities that lack judicial warrants or legal authority.
- Protecting sensitive personal information of all residents, including immigration status, from being shared with federal agencies.
- Requiring transparency and public reporting of any contact with immigration authorities.
- Establishing a private right of action for individuals whose rights may be violated under this ordinance.

The City Council's decision reflects the input and quiet strength of a broad coalition of community-based organizations that advocate for the rights of immigrants and day laborers. While the ordinance was authored and enacted locally, it aligns with the larger movement for equity and constitutional justice championed by groups such as the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON), the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), the Garment Worker Center, and the ACLU of Southern California. These organizations have long worked to uphold dignity, transparency, and civil protections for marginalized communities throughout California.

Together with these partners, Huntington Park is sending a powerful message: we will not allow fear to fracture our neighborhoods or erode the rights of any person under our care.

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