

Agenda Report

July 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Legislative Policy Committee (July 1, 2025)

FROM: City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 805 (PÉREZ AND WIENER): CRIMES**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the action proposed herein is covered by the common sense exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;
2. Support Senate Bill 805 (Pérez and Wiener) – *Crimes*, and any subsequent related legislation; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate authorities stating Pasadena's position.

BACKGROUND:

Recent ICE immigration operations in Pasadena have resulted in community concern about public safety. In one recorded incident, an individual exited his vehicle and pointed a gun at a member of the public. Because there was not sufficient identification on the individual's clothing, members of the public could not ascertain if this was a federal law enforcement officer or someone intent on criminal activity. In addition, the Pasadena Police Department received no courtesy notification (before or after this and other incidents) of any inter-jurisdictional law enforcement activities, so they were not able to determine whether or not the individual with the gun was from a law enforcement agency.

Senate Bill 805 would seek to address such activities by requiring "...personnel of a law enforcement agency operating in California to visibly display identification that includes either a name or badge number to the public when performing their duties. The bill would

exempt personnel operating undercover from these provisions...and would make a violation of these provisions a misdemeanor.”

The bill has a number of other provisions such as:

- Creating a new crime and imposing duties on local law enforcement.
- Authorizing law enforcement to request an alleged government employee to present identification when there is probable cause or reasonable suspicion of a crime, including, but not limited to, impersonating a peace officer, firefighter, employee of a public utility or government agency, or member of a search and rescue team, or when there is a legitimate safety concern.
- Prohibit a person authorized to apprehend a bail fugitive from using that position for the purposes of immigration enforcement and would require a person authorized to apprehend a bail fugitive to keep a defendant's immigration status confidential.

Finally, SB 805 would specify these crimes and misdemeanors and various fines and imprisonment.

This bill is authored by Senator Sasha Renee Pérez and Senator Wiener and was amended to its current form on June 23, 2025.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Support of this bill helps further the City Council goals to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.


FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no fiscal impact to the City of Pasadena.

Respectfully submitted:


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Approved by:


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Attachment A – SB 805 text