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According to press accounts, Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo has begun legally representing illegal aliens who are in federal government custody for immigration violations (see link below).

<https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2025/06/18/residents-report-ice-activity-detentions-at-pasadena-bus-stop/>

Mr. Gordo also has a years-long established history of financially benefiting from illegal alien labor.

As a result, Victor Gordo should be barred from any Council discussions or actions regarding the federal government's immigration enforcement actions against his clients.

18 U.S. Code § 2384 - Seditious conspiracy is a serious crime. It states in part: "If two or more persons in any State or Territory, or in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to... by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States...they shall each be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both."

Violation of Subsection 1324 is also a serious matter.

Harboring -- Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii) makes it an offense for any person who -- knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of law, conceals harbors, or shields from detection, or attempts to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection, such alien in any place, including any building or any means of transportation.

Encouraging/Inducing -- Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv) makes it an offense for any person who -- encourages or induces an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such coming to, entry, or residence is or will be in violation of law.

Conspiracy/Aiding or Abetting -- Subsection 1324(a)(1)(A)(v) expressly makes it an offense to engage in a conspiracy to commit or aid or abet the commission of the foregoing offenses.

The City of Pasadena has spent millions of dollars (including CDBG funds) funding a "Job Center" located at 500 N Lake Avenue whose principal purpose is aiding the illegal employment of illegal aliens. Thus, the City of Pasadena has conspired to harbor illegal aliens and encourage and induce their illegal presence in Pasadena by facilitating their employment with federal funds.

I urge the City Council to assert control over this issue and remove the authority to act on this issue from the obviously overwhelmed and emotional Victor Gordo. Gordo has already induced City employees to violate the Brown Act on this issue. Gordo is unwisely promoting narratives regarding ICE activities relying almost completely on hearsay accounts reported on the news. You should act to prevent Gordo from inducing city staff to engage in even more serious misconduct. Cooler heads must now take charge. I would suggest an expert on federal law and a cooler more rational and less emotional representative like former federal prosecutor Steve Madison as the spokesman for the City Council on this issue.

Finally, this City and its sanctuary policies are responsible for ICE being in the community. By refusing to work with and honor ICE detainer requests, you are causing ICE to enter the community to seek its criminal illegal alien targets where ICE inevitably encounters other illegal aliens.

From:
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 8:15 PM
To: Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Justin Jones; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support the "No Secret Police" Act

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

I can't thank you enough for showing up for our immigrant neighbors and for our democracy. I especially want to thank Mayor Gordo who not only showed up at multiple places in our city but also went to the detention center in LA to find out what happened to our Pasadena neighbors who were detained by masked ICE agents. I also want to thank Councilmembers Rick Cole and Jess Rivas for their support. I also want to commend Councilmember Jason Lyon who spoke out powerfully at the "No Kings" Day rally: "I took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Little did I know then that the Executive Branch of our federal government would soon be filled with individuals who are hell-bent on destroying our way of life."

It feels as if the Trump regime is declaring war on California, just as it has declared war on universities, law firms, the media and anyone who opposes or questions them. When Senator Alex Padilla was manhandled, handcuffed and detained at her press conference, Kristi Noem was seemingly calling for "regime change." "We are not going away," she warned. "We are staying here to liberate the city from the socialists and the burdensome leadership that this governor and that this mayor have placed on this country and what they have tried to insert into the city."

I feel as if our city is also under attack, with secret police prowling about, terrorizing our immigrant community.

That's why I would like the Council and Legislative Committee to support the "No Secret Police Act" (Senate Bill 627) which is sponsored by State Senators Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Jesse Arreguín (D-Berkeley), which is a reaction to immigration sweeps by masked agents in plainclothes, who are increasingly refusing to identify themselves by name or the agency they work for. As we know from what happened in our

city, a masked agent got out of his car and pulled a gun on innocent bystanders on the corner of Orange Grove and Los Robles. We have video footage to prove this act of brazen thuggery took place. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_ve3nWLQkl

Wearing a mask encourages such thuggish behavior. That's why ICE agents should wear badges and be unmasked like legitimate law enforcement officers. Perhaps that would make them think twice before behaving like secret police in authoritarian regimes.

Anthony Manousos

From: Rivas, Jessica
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 11:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: (#12) FW: Support Statement on Federal Activity and Community Reassurance

Jessica C. Rivas
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From: Remy De La Peza
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Subject: Support Statement on Federal Activity and Community Reassurance

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Honorable Vice Mayor Rivas,

As a District 5 constituent, I write to urge your yes vote and support for adoption of the Statement on Federal Activity and Community Reassurance in Pasadena at Monday's City Council meeting (Agenda Item #12). While I have no doubt you are already prepared to support this statement, I wanted to record my personal ask as a City of Pasadena resident and voter.

I also want to thank you for your presence at recent community vigils and leadership through action during this very painful time for all of us. It is powerful and critical that our elected officials stand in solidarity and unite with our residents most in need right now. Thank you again!

Rémy De La Peza

From: REGINE WOOD >
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 1:11 PM
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Subject: Illegal ICE abductions conducted on the streets of Pasadena and throughout Cities within Southern California

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All mayors in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial and San Diego Counties **must meet and hold a joint news conference** as a bloc declaring that **these sweeps are illegal and will not be tolerated**. The unidentified uniformed people who are going into the communities and abducting citizens off the streets **must be stopped and arrested**. All of the municipalities' police departments must be instructed by their mayors and city councils to take action. This is an organized crime wave. It must be **STOPPED**.

Regine Wood

Gao, Beilei

From:
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 1:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Cole, Rick; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; Gordo, Victor
Subject: Urgent: Protect Our Migrant Neighbors – Tonight's City Council Meeting
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I'm writing to urge you to adopt strong language and proactive measures in tonight's meeting to protect our migrant neighbors, because this isn't an "us vs them" issue, it's about us all standing together in solidarity, dignity, and shared responsibility.

In Pasadena:

- **Nearly 30%** of residents are foreign-born—around **39,800 individuals**.
- **About 34% of our population is Hispanic or Latino**, which includes both U.S. born and immigrant residents.
- Of those Latinos, approximately **68% are of Mexican origin**, and many are immigrants working tirelessly in essential sectors.

These aren't just numbers, they're our neighbors. Many are our teachers, cooks, caregivers, fellow students, and friends. They strengthen our city's culture, economy, and spirit.

By adopting inclusive language and enacting policies that protect our migrant residents, Pasadena reaffirms its commitment to fundamental human rights—freedoms and protections that transcend background or status, allowing everyone to live with dignity.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your willingness to protect every member of our community.

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With gratitude,
María G. Castellón (she/her/ella)
Pasadena Resident District 5

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From: Yadi
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 2:05 PM
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Subject: Public Comment - Pasadena City Council Meeting 05/23/25
Attachments: Public Comment - Pasadena City Council 06-23-25 Federal Immigration ICE Raids.pdf

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Hi,

Please find attached my public comment for the June 23, 2025 Pasadena City Council Meeting, agenda item 12. Pasadena Statement on Federal Immigration Enforcement and ICE Raids.

Thanks,

Yadi
(Attachments: 1)

12. Pasadena Statement on Federal Immigration Enforcement and ICE Raids

City Council

12. CONSIDERATION OF STATEMENT ON FEDERAL ACTIVITY AND COMMUNITY REASSURANCE IN PASADENA (Office of the Mayor)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is covered by the "Common Sense" exemption set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Approve the Statement on Federal Activity and Community Reassurance in Pasadena



Pasadena City Council Perpetually Violates The Brown Act

This agenda item description (and others like the Police Department Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant) does not comply with Brown Act requirements. This ambiguous agenda description states "Federal Activity" which could mean *anything* federal-related. It has to do with immigration raids in the City of Pasadena and should be stated as such. Just as how the Pasadena Police grant had to do with purchasing License Plate Readers (ALPR) but that was omitted from the agenda item description entirely and thereby concealed from the public the true nature of the item to be discussed.

According to the League of California Cities *Guidance on Noticing and Agenda Descriptions Under the Brown Act*:¹

- The agenda should contain a brief (20 words or less) general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting.. (§54954.2) ***The purpose of the brief general description is to inform interested members of the public about the subject matter under consideration so that they can determine whether to monitor, attend or participate in the meeting of the body.***
- Agenda description must not be misleading. The brief description of an item that the Council will consider or deliberate, ***cannot be ambiguous or misstate the item under discussion.***
- Agendas must have enough information to enable members of the public to determine the general nature of subject matter of each agenda item to be discussed. A description of each item generally need not exceed 20 words, although ***the description must be sufficient to provide interested persons with an understanding of the subject matter which will be considered.*** (Carlson v. Paradise Unified School Dist. (1971) 18 Cal.App.3d 196, 200).

The City Council needs to cease the perpetual habit of setting agendas with ambiguous descriptions that do not provide the public with sufficient information on the subject matter to be discussed. The Council needs to be more transparent about the business of the people being conducted. Its not just about transparency, but also an issue of community trust.

Moreover, items are not discussed within their respective committees, just a the ALPR grant was not discussed in the Public Safety Committee and instead went to the Finance Committee. Why hasn't this item gone through the Policy and Legislative Committee? What is the point of committees then?

¹ https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Library/2016/Annual-2016/10-2016-Annual_Koczanowicz_Have-You-Noticed_Notici.aspx

Regarding the actual statement, it has no date, and the contents are already out of date given the raids by ICE in the City. Communications without dates and proper references are another persistent problem – such as the outdated (and undated) maps and reports such as the Fire Hazard Map and the AB 481 Annual Report.

Pasadena City Council Needs to Make A Commitment to Protecting Civil Rights

The City's statement on Federal Activity is vague. The City needs to provide meaningful statements of assurances, such as describing HOW it will protect residents' civil rights. In particular, HOW does the City propose to stop the abduction of people from the streets of Pasadena and HOW does it propose to uphold due process rights? Are we to call 911 and report abductions? What will you do??

Moreover, the City publicly states that it will not aid ICE, but it does not have strong civil rights protections in the form of protecting privacy and due process. Every department and agency in the City can establish privacy protocols protecting the information that can be used to target and persecute residents by lawless federal immigration raids. In particular, it has been confirmed that ICE works with California law enforcement agencies to track people subjectively deemed to be "illegal" through the use of ALPRs. Is the City going to continue to share ALPR data with other law enforcement agencies who have been publicly exposed confirming they share data with ICE and related agencies?²

The City needs to stop this data sharing and more importantly, stop the unjustified expansion of ALPRs in the City. The additional cameras are being installed in the district that PPD themselves stated to have the lowest crime rates in the City. **In just the past 30 days, the few ALPR cameras in Pasadena captured over a million license plates.**³ We don't have a million potential criminals – what you are doing is capturing the license plates of innocent people going about their lives! This is harming residents and detrimental to public safety. By continuing to use ALPRs indiscriminately and so widespread, you are actively dismantling our civil rights protections and eroding our due process rights!

We need more than words of comfort – we need commitments and actions that the Council will take to protect our civil rights!

Yadi

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² <https://calmatters.org/economy/technology/2025/06/california-police-sharing-license-plate-reader-data/>

³ <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/pasadena-ca-pd>

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"Even as we are a nation of immigrants, we're also a nation of laws. Undocumented workers broke our immigration laws, and I believe that they must be held accountable -- especially those who may be dangerous." -- Barack Obama

Using a variety of commercial databases and commercially available cell phone location data, we have begun working to identify the addresses of illegal aliens residing in Pasadena.

It turns out to be a relatively simple task.

We have identified approximately 21,000 people living in 8,000 households who are either illegal aliens or live with one or more illegal aliens.

The City of Pasadena spends more than \$140 million a year and the PUSD spends more than \$27 million a year providing services to this illegal alien population. This illegal alien population provides less than \$4 million a year in tax revenue to the City of Pasadena.

The City of Pasadena has been encouraging and financially subsidizing illegal immigration for decades. Now the City Council of the City of Pasadena apparently wants to actively interfere in the enforcement of federal immigration law. As a result, the City of Pasadena could face the following consequences:

- 1) The City of Pasadena may lose \$60 million in federal funding, causing the closure of the health department and the housing department.
- 2) The City of Pasadena housing department may lose certification as a Section 8 housing authority.
- 3) City employees may be prosecuted for the crime of harboring illegal aliens by providing a piece of real property (paid for by the City of Pasadena) that is used as an illegal alien employment center located at 500 N Lake Ave.
- 4) City employees may be prosecuted for aiding and abetting illegal immigration by paying the operational expenses of an illegal alien employment center located at 500 N Lake Ave thus facilitating the illegal presence of these illegal aliens in the City of Pasadena.

Not one of you was elected to represent the interests of illegal aliens.

You foolishly antagonized ICE by harassing them in their hotels. Now Pasadena is being raided daily. You knowingly operate an illegal alien job center at 500 N Lake Ave that promotes slogans like "Undocumented and Unafraid".

Do you think city employees are immune from prosecution?

Do you think it is a good idea to further escalate your conflict with the Federal government when you have unclean hands?

Please shut down the illegal alien job center at 500 N Lake Avenue before ICE shuts it down for you and arrests everyone involved and you create a legal disaster for our City.