



## CC Regular Meeting

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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**Meeting:** July 15, 2025  
**Title:** Temporary Community Support Program  
**Presented by:** Chris Marcarello, City Manager  
**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into temporary partnerships with the listed non-profit organizations to provide free/low-cost supportive services to Covina-based families and individuals impacted by federal immigration enforcement activities.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Recent Federal immigration enforcement activities have heightened tensions in the community and the greater Los Angeles region. These activities have created noticeable impacts to the quality of life within our community and have disrupted many individuals' social and economic practices due to a fear of being targeted by federal immigration enforcement personnel.

As a community that celebrates its diverse resident population, the Covina City Council and Police Department remain committed to the well-being of all Covina residents. As such, members of the City Council recently expressed an interest in establishing temporary supportive services for local households that have been impacted by federal immigration enforcement activities. As proposed, the City Council will consider authorizing partnerships with local non-profit organizations to provide resources to such households, including basic needs (food, water, utility bill assistance), case management services and supportive legal services, among others. Additionally, the City has developed a draft Community Resources webpage to better connect Covina-based individuals with access to services relating immigration enforcement activities.

### DISCUSSION:

Last month, communities in Southern California began to observe an increase in federal immigration enforcement activities at public areas, workplaces, schools and places of commerce. While the City and its Police Department do not participate in immigration enforcement activities or inquire about the immigration status of individuals, it is apparent that the tactics used by Federal enforcement personnel have created instability for many members of the general public.

In response to these enforcement activities, members of the community mobilized in mid-June to express their objections via peaceful protest. To support these efforts, members of the Covina City Council and the Police Department communicated with organizers in advance of scheduled events to help ensure the safety of protestors, residents and businesses.

More recently, members of the City Council inquired regarding supportive services that could be offered to households and families that have been impacted by federal immigration enforcement activities. As proposed, a supportive resource network would be created in partnership with specialized non-profit agencies that have expertise in case management services, basic needs services and supportive legal services.

### Case Management, Supportive Legal Services and Referral Services

Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley

The Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley (“IRC-SGV”) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization based in Monrovia. IRC-SGV exists to support the immigrant population in the San Gabriel Valley by providing quality, low-cost immigration legal services and referral services that consider the needs of the whole person. These services offer an affordable way for local foreign-born, non-US citizens to comply with immigration law and contribute to the ability of individuals to provide for themselves and their families.

With IRC-SGV, the City would seek to connect Covina-based individuals with to the following resources:

- Immigration legal assistance services to better understand immigration law and options for individuals;
- Access to a hub of accurate knowledge regarding immigration law and other local social service agencies/resources
- Access to a local resource hotline for families of loved ones detained by federal enforcement officials

Of note, these funds would not be used for political or legal advocacy on behalf of classes of individuals, but rather individualized services focused particularly on assisting the families of detained individuals or those subject to detainment with common legal problems and issues.

#### Case Management and Basic Needs Services

##### Project 29:11

Project 29:11 is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization based in Covina. Project 29:11 provides supportive basic needs services, including emergency food assistance, household supplies, clothing and utility bill assistance for persons in need.

With the Project 29:11, the City would seek to connect Covina-based individuals to the following resources:

- Case Management and basic needs services (food, water, household items)
- Utility-Bill Assistance

#### City Website Resource Page

A draft webpage has also been created to offer Community Resources to local individuals that may be impacted by immigration enforcement activities. Resources include the following:

- Contact Information for Non-Profit Organizations listed above that offer supportive services
- Hotlines and legal assistance resources available to individuals
- Links to information provided by regional representatives regarding individual rights and protections


#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

As proposed, with the City Council’s authorization, partnerships with local non-profit organizations would be formalized into short-term agreements and funded via savings in the City’s approved FY 2024-25 operating budget, subject to City purchasing policy limits. Should the need for services exceed these limits, additional information would be compiled and presented for the City Council’s further consideration at a later date.

#### **CEQA (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT):**

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager