

**Resolution No. 2673****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO IN SUPPORT OF A FAIR AND COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IN OPPOSITION TO INDISCRIMINATE RAIDS BY THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

WHEREAS, The City of East Palo Alto is a proud community of diverse people from all parts of the United States and the world, including many immigrant families, and

WHEREAS, The East Palo Alto community has a history of speaking out in defense of civil and Human rights and for the protection of those most vulnerable in society, and

WHEREAS, The City of East Palo Alto including the police department, will continue its efforts to build trust and communication with all its residents in order to better serve the needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, officers of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office have stated that they are targeting individuals, but in reality are conducting sweeping raids in the Bay Area, creating a climate of fear and intimidation among immigrant families, while identifying themselves as (federal) "Police", thereby eroding the trust that local police are building with immigrant communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of East Palo Alto calls on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to stop their intimidation tactics against immigrant families so that the Congress as well as individuals and communities across the nation may engage in a civic debate and participation free of intimidation and repressive tactics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of East Palo Alto calls on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to stop displaying "Police" as part of their uniform and use a more appropriate term such as "Federal Agent" to avoid confusion in the community and the possible misidentification of local police officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of East Palo Alto directs the City Manager to direct the police department and all city departments to refrain from acting as 'agents' of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office in any program or operation that targets individuals based solely on their immigration status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of East Palo Alto directs the Clerk of the City to send copies of this resolution to our federal representatives: Congresswoman Anna E. Eshoo, and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto on 20th day of March 2007 by the following vote:

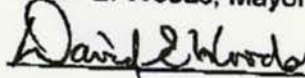
Ayes: ——— ABRICÀ, RUTHERFORD, FOSTER

Noes: EVANS

Abstentions: 0

Absent: WOODS

David E. Woods, Mayor

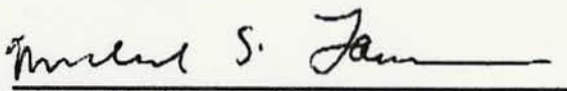


ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Mirjette Warren, Deputy City Clerk



Michael S. Lawson, City Attorney