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To Guadalupe City Council and staff for meeting of May 13, 2025

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CITY OF GUADALUPE
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Re: agenda #10 and SB 54 (DeLeon)

Although no police activity report is included in this agenda packet, crime statistics have risen in the past years, including DRUG USE , which nearly always leads to theft, assaults, domestic violence, and even elder abuse.

Guadalupe once proudly was known as the lowest crime city in Santa Barbara County, but that seems no longer a bragging point.

The resolution presented tonight appears to hand cuff and limit police and other agencies to better respond to crime reports by residents, drug use and misbehavior, but with special emphasis on persons who may not be citizens of the U.S. BUT, who can make that judgment? Many existing laws make it illegal to question persons on their citizenship status.

Acquiescing to the call for hindering or limiting the safeguards provided by our police department and other agencies will certainly NOT limit irresponsible actions by persons going against established laws and moral codes. These provide protection for all residents and strengthen the commitment to trust and good will by which our community is known.

People considering residency in Guadalupe can check the attributes—good and poor—of a community, including crime statistics, before moving here or establishing a business.

We are all responsible for our actions, many of which require discipline by various methods up to incarceration and/or deportation for non citizens.

Give a thoughtful consideration on this resolution.

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Cc: Vanessa Teran
Subject: Public Comment on Item 10: Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-23

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Good afternoon, Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Alondra Mendoza, and I am a Community Advocate with the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project. I am also a proud resident of Oxnard, in Ventura County. I write to you today to strongly urge this Council to formally adopt **Resolution No. 2025-23** in support of the undocumented community in the City of Guadalupe.

Over the past three months, following the shift in federal leadership, we have witnessed a significant increase in immigration enforcement activities that have generated fear and instability within our communities—especially among our farmworking families, youth, and children.

I would like to share with you what I have experienced and seen affecting our undocumented community, though I am not a resident of Guadalupe, we are witnessing the separation of our families by ICE every day. These are not isolated incidents; they are part of a larger pattern of enforcement that instills fear, disrupts lives, and leaves lasting emotional and economic trauma on entire communities. Every day, families are torn apart, parents taken from their children, workers removed from their homes, and loved ones forced into uncertainty. As someone who has witnessed these impacts firsthand, I believe we must bring greater attention to these injustices and advocate for policies that protect, not punish, those who contribute so much to our society.

For example, in Oxnard at the beginning of the Trump Administration, ICE descended upon our neighborhoods, spreading fear and causing harm to immigrant and farmworking communities. In March, a family was impacted by an ICE operation in which a father was detained without being given the option to speak with a lawyer.

According to his loved ones, he was in his car and presented his identification, when he was approached by multiple officers in several vehicles. His wife shared that he said he felt overwhelmed and intimidated, and that the agents told him he would be deported with or without his consent. He was detained while retrieving his work tools at a storage building. The family states that he had no criminal records. His young daughter has been deeply affected, holding onto the photos and videos of the moment her father was taken. The family is now left to face this situation alone.

We therefore urge the Guadalupe City Council to take a strong and principled stand, as the City of Lompoc recently did by passing **Resolution No. 2025-23** in support of its undocumented residents.

Thank you,
Alondra Mendoza

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Subject: Public Comment on Item 10: Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-23 - Expressing support for the undocumented residents of Guadalupe and for existing State Law Senate Bill 54 (2017)

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Dear Mayor Julian, Mayor Pro Tempore Hernandez, and City Councilmembers,

My name is Vanessa Terán and I am the Director of Policy with the [Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project \(MICOP\)](#), overseeing organizational policy priorities and statewide legislative initiatives across the Central Coast (Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties) that impact the health and well-being of the Indigenous immigrant and undocumented community. I write to strongly urge this Council to formally adopt **Resolution No. 2025-23**, in support of the undocumented community in the City of Guadalupe.

Over the past three months, following the shift in federal leadership, we have witnessed a significant increase in immigration enforcement activities that have generated fear and instability within our communities—especially among our farmworkers, families, youth, and children. Federal agents, operating under ICE, have targeted individuals solely based on their immigration status and racial/ethnic identity, resulting in numerous detentions across our region.

These actions have been accompanied by fear-driven tactics and harmful rhetoric that stigmatize our Black, Brown, and Indigenous community members.

This current wave of detentions marks one of the most severe episodes of family separations our Central Coast has experienced since the early Trump administration. In response, we have been working tirelessly to support more than a dozen families to prevent separation and preserve community stability.

These enforcement efforts reflect broader systems of racial injustice and inequality, rooted in a long history of colonization and systemic discrimination.

The impacts are far-reaching. In our local Oxnard school district, for example, we saw a 50% drop in attendance in the early weeks of this administration—evidence of how deeply this fear has taken hold, especially among youth and children.

We strongly urge the Guadalupe City Council to take a strong and principled stand, as the City of Lompoc recently did by passing a resolution in support of its undocumented residents.

This moment demands urgent action. Every day that passes without a response increases the risk of further family separations and deepens the emotional and psychological toll on our undocumented neighbors.

We respectfully ask you, Councilmembers, to [adopt this resolution](#) and affirm your commitment to

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Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-23/Resolve to Support all citizens of Guadalupe

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I am Liza Diniakos, and am the Program Manager of MICOP's Immigration Legal Assistance.

I hope it goes without saying that our farmworker community should receive everyone's gratitude for their work to grow California's food. They deserve our respect for how they contribute to California's economy. They should feel safe in their community knowing that they are appreciated for their individual worth and collection worth as essential workers.

Don't overthink this. Please do the right thing.

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MICOP's mission is to support, organize and empower the indigenous migrant communities in California's Central Coast.

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Mi nombre es Claudia Caceres y escribo como lider de la comunidad por 15 anos en Santa Maria y la Costa Central y como CEO de Tu Tiempo Digital un medio de comunicacion digital de noticias en espanol desde hace 5 anos y hemos visto de primera mano lo que sufren las familias inmigrantes ante la retorica de discriminacion y criminalizacion.

Este es un mensaje de la esposa a quien vamos a llamar Maria para respetar su privacidad y proteccion, su esposo a quien llamaremos Juan, se encuentra en un centro de detención de ICE. Maria por miedo no quiso presentarse en persona a compartir su testimonio, pero si fue testigo cuando su esposo fue arrestado afuera del departamento del Sheriff en la ciudad de Santa Maria.

Juan tenia una cita el pasado 3 de Marzo a las 8 de la manana, en el departamento del Sheriff de Santa Maria, para quitarse el grillete después de cumplir con su condena de DUI. El señor Juan iba con su familia, su esposa Maria, y 2 menores de edad de 7 meses de nacido y su niño de 4 anos.

Despues de quitarle el grillete en el departamento del Sheriff de Santa Maria, al salir ya estaban 3 agentes de ICE esperándolo para ser arrestado.

Tenemos un testimonio en audio de su esposa Maria relatando lo que sucedio, con esto comprobamos que a pesar de que la Ley SB 54 prohíbe compartir este tipo de crímenes, ya que deben de ser crímenes violentos con pistolas o cuchillos, el departamento del Sheriff del Condado de Santa Barbara si esta compartiendo con ICE las citas para quitar el grillete a personas con DUI.

Agradecería mucho que la ciudad de Guadalupe respetara la ley SB 54 y se comprometiera a respetarla por los inmigrantes que son trabajadores esenciales y que viven con miedo. Muchos trabajadores del campo viajan diario a la ciudad de Guadalupe a trabajar en los campos y son nuestro corazón y sostén de nuestra economia. En la pandemia fueron llamados esenciales y gracias a ellos comemos frutas y verduras en nuestros hogares.

My name is Claudia Caceres, and I have been a community leader in Santa Maria and the Central Coast for 15 years. I have also been the CEO of Tu Tiempo Digital, a Spanish-language digital news outlet, for the past five years. We have seen firsthand what immigrant families endure in the face of rhetoric of discrimination and criminalization.

This is a message from his wife, whom we'll call Maria to respect her privacy and protection. Her husband, whom we'll call Juan, is in an ICE detention center. Out of fear, Maria didn't want to appear in person to share her testimony, but she witnessed her husband's arrest outside the Santa Maria Sheriff's Department.

Juan had an appointment at 8:00 a.m. on March 3rd at the Santa Maria Sheriff's Department to have his armband removed after serving his DUI sentence. Juan was with his family: his wife, Maria, and two children, a 7-month-old baby, and his 4-year-old son.

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From: MariaElena Garcia <mgarcia12.mg81@gmail.com>
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Hello Juana!

I hope you are doing well!

I am just emailing over my comments for tonight's city council meeting -

Hello all, I hope you are all doing well this evening. My name is MariaElena Garcia and I am a part of the Royal Theater Campaign Committee.

I have 2 suggestions regarding the Royal Theater:

1. The Lompoc Theatre Project broke ground earlier this month - it would be a great idea for someone to establish a relationship with someone down there to sort of "mentor" us through our project since they are a few steps ahead of us. We would be able to ask them questions as well as have them guide us through the process/timeline. This could be assigned to a city employee but if not feasible - can be a volunteer on the Royal Theater Campaign Committee such as myself.

Website to check out <https://lompoctheatre.org/>

2. Normally with construction bids - you are recommended to get at least 3 bids - a suggestion that could shave some costs would be to seek out at least 2 more bids for the new 1 story design.

Thank you all, I really appreciate your time and hope you all have a nice rest of your evening!

Thank you Juana and have a great rest of your day !

Best,

MariaElena Garcia



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The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Pledge
Matching Grant to Lompoc Theatre Project

The Lompoc Theatre Project has received a \$150,000.00 grant pledge from the
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

THE ARTS START HERE

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Since 1927, the Lompoc Theatre has
stood as the heart of the Lompoc

community and has served the broader region. As the theater has lain dormant for years, the economic vitality of downtown Lompoc has faltered as well. Other communities throughout California and the country have restored their downtown theaters and seen tremendous revitalization in their surrounding areas.

We, the Lompoc Theatre Project Corporation, are raising millions to restore and reopen the theatre in order to provide our community with the center of arts, culture, and entertainment it desperately needs.

As part of the restoration process, we plan to update to state-of-the-art theater and movie projection equipment, move and restore the land use office, and rehabilitate the current office and retail space as a valuable income generator.

This project will have a tremendous impact on Lompoc, as well as the broader region, in providing access to arts and entertainment for all interests right on California's Highway 1.

THE LOMPOC THEATRE PROJECT

The Lompoc Theater Project is a registered nonprofit for the community effort to restore the historic Lompoc Theater, to reopen as a performing arts and film center, educational and community hub, and focal point of a revitalized downtown Lompoc.

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All of us at the Lompoc Theatre Project bring our expertise to this effort, from publicity to volunteer management, from accounting to fundraising, and from artist management to visual design. Together with our donors and our community, we will save the theater and revitalize our downtown area by making the following a reality:

- Local arts organizations will be able to utilize the Lompoc Theatre free of charge. Wouldn't it be a thrill to see the name of your group up on this marquee?
- Act as a multi-use venue for artists, performers and audiences in Lompoc and throughout the northern part of Santa Barbara County.
- Encourage the development of, and collaboration between, community arts, educational, civic and cultural organizations.
- Provide a performance home for established local arts organizations by offering the theater at no cost.
- Enhance Lompoc's historic core as a cultural center, generating economic benefits for the immediate downtown area as well as the broader community.
- Allow persons of all ages, cultures and economic backgrounds to explore their creative and artistic possibilities.