

AMENDED



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
CALL AND NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting for the City of Montebello City Council is hereby called to be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 1600 West Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, CA 90640.** The meeting will be live-streamed and can be watched on the City's website and YouTube Channel via the following link: <https://www.montebelloca.gov>, and may also be viewed on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 for all Spectrum cable subscribers.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) any person with a disability who requires special accommodations in order to participate in a meeting should contact the Administration Office at (323) 887-1437 Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call 48 hours prior to the meeting to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II 1203). If you require translation services, please contact the City Clerk's office 48 hours before this meeting. **Si necesita servicios de traducción, comuníquese con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal 72 horas antes de esta reunión.** 如果您需要翻译服务, 请在会议前 72 小时联系市书记员办公室

RULES OF DECORUM:

Pursuant to Section 54957.95 of the Government Code, the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting, or their designee, is authorized to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Any such removal will be preceded by a warning to the disruptive individual by the presiding member of the legislative body or their designee that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that the individual's failure to promptly cease their disruptive behavior may result in their removal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

In-Person: For those interested in participating during the Public Comment period(s) or public testimony period for Public Hearings of the City Council meetings, ***you may only address the City Council in person the day of the meeting.*** The public may ***only*** address the City Council during this Special Meeting on items which have been described in the notice of this meeting, in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3(a). Speakers will be required to fill out a speaker card provided at the door and submit it to City Clerk staff prior to each Public Comment announcement period; Public Hearing items do not require a speaker card. Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person; staff will number and call each speaker card in the order received. **There is no Closed Session; Regular Session begins at 6:00 p.m.**

AGENDA MATERIALS: The agenda/agenda packet are available for public inspection at City's website at: [Agendas, Minutes, and Videos.](#)

IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, PLEASE TURN OFF, OR MUTE, ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (30 MINUTES)

At this time, the general public may ***only*** address the City Council during this Special Meeting on items which have been described in the notice of this Special meeting in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3(a). Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak on shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. State Law prohibits the City Council from taking action or entertaining extended discussion on a topic not listed on the agenda. Please show courtesy to others and direct all of your comments to the Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney shall provide a briefing on the item listed for Closed Session as follows:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Initiation of litigation – Two matters

REGULAR SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation for National PTSD Awareness Month

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-59 APPROVING HUMANITARIAN SERVICES FUNDING FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE ICE RAIDS**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Appropriate funding in the amount of \$100,000 for humanitarian services for families impacted by immigration raids in Montebello by Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations in Account No. 299-20-299-6040.10 (Humanitarian Assistance Program Fund, Other Contract Services); and
2. Authorize the City staff to create and implement a humanitarian services program for families impacted by immigration raids; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on August 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** which can be live-streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

Date and Posted: June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

I, Nelly Ochoa, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello, hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of the Special Meeting was posted at City Hall and the City's website and delivered to each member of the City of Montebello City Council no less than 24-hours before the start of the Special Meeting.

Nelly Ochoa

Nelly Ochoa, Deputy City Clerk



ITEM # 3

**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Raul Alvarez, City Manager

BY: Raul Alvarez, City Manager

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-59 APPROVING HUMANITARIAN SERVICES FUNDING FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE ICE RAIDS

DATE: June 25, 2025

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Appropriate funding in the amount of \$100,000 for humanitarian services for families impacted by immigration raids in Montebello by Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations in Account No. 299-20-299-6040.10 (Humanitarian Assistance Program Fund, Other Contract Services); and
2. Authorize the City staff to create and implement a humanitarian services program for families impacted by immigration raids; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended actions require a budget amendment to appropriate \$100,000. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget would be amended by appropriating \$100,000 into a newly created "Humanitarian Assistance Program" Fund (Account No. 299-20-299-6040.10).

The funding would be specifically utilized to provide a wide-range of assistance to families negatively impacted by the recent immigration enforcement actions in the community. For example, funding could be used to purchase groceries, assist with utility payments (e.g., electricity, water, etc.); help with housing costs (i.e., rent, mortgage, etc.); or other similar "daily life" needs.

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The source of funding would be from the General Fund – specifically local revenue sources. Establishing a separate special fund will allow for tracking of expenses and promote transparency. Staff will maintain detailed records of expenses and staff time utilized in providing assistance to Montebello community members.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Recently the City of Montebello (“City”) and its residents have been impacted by raids being conducted by the United States’ Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) Agency. At the direction of the federal government, ICE has conducted targeted and broader enforcement in the City’s neighborhoods, City streets, and at the most vulnerable businesses. Such actions have had a significant and detrimental effect on the City and destabilized families, neighborhoods, and the local economy.

To date, the City has been clear through public statements that in accordance with Senate Bill 54 (California Values Act), we do not enforce federal immigration laws in any capacity. Notably, the City does not do the following:

- We do not question any person about their immigration status; and
- We do not hold any person on ICE detainers in our jails; and
- We do not participate in federal ICE operations in our City.

Nevertheless, we continue to see and hear daily reports about ICE operations being conducted in our City, unbeknownst to the City Council, City staff and the City’s Police Department. These operations are impacting the community, having detrimental short- and long-term impacts, especially among families.

Families are experiencing abrupt separation, isolation and are left without a stable source of income to meet basic needs. For this reason, a proposal is recommended to establish a program to help families that may be financially impacted and unable to work. Please note, this program will only be available to Montebello residents.

This program will be managed by City staff, including case managers who specialize in assisting residents in most need. The program staff will ensure funds are going where it’s most needed and based on immediate needs. Program staff will work with families impacted by ICE operations that are able to demonstrate need based on household income, loss of income, inability to work or concerns about going out for groceries and other essential needs.

We want to assure the City Council and general public that all information submitted in applying for this program will remain confidential and will not be shared with any outside agency. The City and all City staff will closely follow the mandated privacy laws under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and all other applicable laws.

To provide the necessary funding for this assistance program, staff recommends the appropriation of \$100,000 to directly assist Montebello residents negatively impacted by these immigration raids.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

ANALYSIS:

N/A

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends the approval of the Humanitarian Services Program Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for families impacted by immigration raids in Montebello by amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations in Account No. 299-20-299-6040.10 (Humanitarian Assistance Program Fund, Other Contract Services). Upon City Council approval, staff will proceed with the recommended actions.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. ATTACHMENT A - Resolution - Approving Humanitarian Services Funding for ICE Raids

NEXT STEPS:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-59

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO APPROVING
HUMANITARIAN SERVICES FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000
FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY IMMIGRATION RAIDS**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Montebello ("City") and its residents have been impacted by raids being conducted by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"); and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the federal government, ICE has conducted targeted and broader enforcement in our neighborhoods, City streets, and within our most vulnerable businesses; and

WHEREAS, these actions have had a significant and detrimental effect on our City and destabilized families, neighborhoods, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, these ICE operations impact our community in the short- and long-term leaving families broken often without a source of income; and

WHEREAS, the City Council by approving this resolution intends to establish the Montebello Humanitarian Services Program and confirm the appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for Montebello families impacted by immigration raids in Montebello.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO
HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS, AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: That the City approves the Montebello Humanitarian Services Program in the amount of \$100,000 for families impacted by immigration raids in Montebello.

SECTION 2: That the City intends to utilize the Humanitarian Services Program Funding appropriation to establish a program to help Montebello families that may be financially impacted and unable to work or who are in need of other essential financial assistance to provide for the welfare of their family.

SECTION 3: That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter into the book of original Resolutions.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2025.

Salvador Melendez, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk

Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF MONTEBELLO) SS:

I, Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk of the City of Montebello, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-59 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Montebello, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 25th day of June 2025 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Montebello, does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, full and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of said City which was duly convened and held on the date stated thereon, and that said document has not been amended, modified, repealed or rescinded since its date of adoption and is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

DATE: _____

Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk