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City of San Mateo Statement Regarding Recent Federal Immigration Enforcement Concerns and Our Commitment to the Community

San Mateo, CA – The City of San Mateo is deeply concerned about the impact of federal immigration enforcement activities on families, neighborhoods and communities across the country, including our own.

San Mateo is a community built on diversity, and we value the many cultures, backgrounds and experiences that contribute to our city's strength and vitality.

Our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive city is longstanding. In 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution affirming its commitment to serving all residents, regardless of immigration status, and maintaining access to City programs and services. On Nov. 2, 2026, the City Council unanimously adopted two additional resolutions reinforcing those commitments and affirming the City's authority to regulate and control the use of City-owned or controlled property and facilities.

These commitments are reflected in the City's policies and practices:

- **Access to City services**: City programs and services remain available to all residents, regardless of immigration status
- **Local law enforcement**: The City of San Mateo, including the San Mateo Police Department, does not participate in federal civil immigration enforcement, consistent with applicable law.
- **Use of City property**: The City maintains authority over its property and facilities, including restrictions on their use for federal civil immigration enforcement activities.

Federal immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government. While the City cannot control federal immigration activities, we recognize the fear, uncertainty and disruption these activities can create for individuals, families and our broader community.

The safety, well-being and trust of our community remain fundamental priorities. We share the deep concern and distress that many residents are feeling, and we firmly believe that everyone deserves to feel safe, supported, and welcome when accessing City services, seeking assistance and participating in community life.

San Mateo is, and will continue to be, a welcoming community where everyone deserves dignity, respect and a sense of belonging.

Residents seeking information or support, including immigrant rights resources and legal assistance, can visit the City's San Mateo Stands for Safety, Fairness, and Respect for All webpage.

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About the City of San Mateo
Incorporated in 1894, the City of San Mateo is located at the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area Peninsula. San Mateo is known for its vibrant dining and entertainment options, shopping districts and parks. The City is committed to serving more than 104,000 residents and over 10,000 businesses, maintaining several community centers that offer recreational programs for youth, adults and seniors. City libraries provide technology-lending services, literacy courses, free museum passes and other educational programs for all ages.