



Date: June 9, 2026

To: Supervisor Carlson, Chair, and Supervisor Scales-Preston, Vice-Chair, Equity Committee

From: Diana Doughtie, President, on behalf of the Board of the Democrats of Rossmoor

Re: Proposed Ordinance to Restrict County Resources to Assist or Cooperate with Immigration Authorities

The Board of the Democrats of Rossmoor supports the proposed Ordinance Restricting the Use of County Resources to Assist or Cooperate with Immigration Authorities. We strongly support sound immigration policy and practices. We advocate that immigration policies should promote the reunification of immediate families, meet economic, business and employment needs and be responsive to those facing political persecution and humanitarian crises.

We believe this Ordinance is responsive to our county's immigrants who have faced political persecution and humanitarian challenges. These people are here seeking asylum or other legal avenues for permission to remain in the United States. We owe them the protection of our Constitution. The Ordinance does this in several ways, such as the addition of a requirement of a judicial warrant before detaining immigrants in certain circumstances, before accessing non-public county property like jails, and before disclosing personal data. Where the Ordinance allows for the use of an administrative warrant to obtain data, it adds a requirement of review by County Counsel and notice to the persons whose information is sought before disclosure. These requirements are in accord with the right to be protected from unlawful search and seizure and enhance due process to which the immigrants are entitled.

The Ordinance's reporting requirements by the Sheriff to the Board of Supervisors are important for oversight and have been enacted in other jurisdictions like San Mateo

County. Contractors are an extension of the County and requiring them to comply with the Ordinance ensures consistency and commitment to the intent and enforcement of the Ordinance. These criteria are critical to ensuring that immigrants can trust in the County's policies and its commitment to support their rights.

We urge the Equity Committee to move forward with recommending its implementation to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors.