



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING JULY 31, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (11:34 a.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Austin Taylor.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

1. Subject: Follow Up on Town Hall on Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities and Consideration of Actions Requested by City Council (120.09)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt a Resolution Condemning Aggressive and Nontransparent Federal Immigration Enforcement Tactics and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to the California Values Act and to Providing a Safe and Welcoming Community for All Residents, Visitors, and Workers;
- B. Provide direction to staff on the allocation of financial resources in support of immigrant-serving organizations; and
- C. Adopt changes to the City of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform that will enable the Mayor and Council to advocate on behalf of immigrant communities on legislation at the State and Federal level.

Documents:

- July 31, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, Assistant City Attorney John Doimas, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Police Chief Kelly Gordon.
- Members of the Public: Various members of the public spoke.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman to direct staff to return to Council to appropriate \$500k from the flexible housing fund with direction to Finance Committee to determine how to replenish that funding.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse; Abstain: Councilmember Santamaria.)

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to waive the full reading of the proposed resolution and adopt by reading of title only.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to adopt a Resolution Condemning Aggressive and Nontransparent Federal Immigration Enforcement Tactics and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to the California Values Act and to Providing a Safe and Welcoming Community for All Residents, Visitors, and Workers; Resolution No. 25-093.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to adopt recommendation C as made by staff, with the addition of taking a position in support of the Dignity Act and send letters of support to our congressional representatives, and the addition of supporting Assembly Bills 421, 1108, and 49.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Public: None.

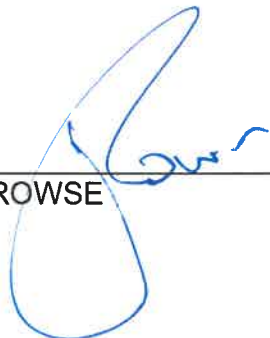
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on August 19, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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