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Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez
1021 O Street, Room 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bruce Ehlers
Mayor

RE: Support for Senate Bill 805 (Pérez) – No Vigilantes Act

Dear Senator Pérez,

Joy Lyndes
Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, I am pleased to support **SB 805, the No Vigilantes Act**, which expands laws against police impersonation to address growing public fear and confusion caused by recent aggressive law enforcement operations and an increase in impersonation claims.

Jim O'Hara
Council Member

The City of Encinitas serves approximately 62,000 residents in northern San Diego County. The City employs around 250 staff members across various departments, including public works, planning, parks and recreation, and public safety, all operating within the city's five distinct communities: Old Encinitas, Leucadia, Olivenhain, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, and New Encinitas.

Maro San Antonio
Council Member

Recent immigration enforcement activities by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency have caused fear and confusion in our communities, particularly when officers appear near sensitive locations such as schools and churches, sometimes masked and lacking clear identification. Any lack of transparency in these encounters causes concerns among community members and local officials due to uncertainty as to who is responsible.

Luke Shaffer
Council Member

News reports have also exposed individuals impersonating ICE officers to harass or detain others, eroding public trust and endangering vulnerable communities. In Los Angeles, an individual posing as an ICE agent tried to stop a school bus, but the driver followed protocol and drove off. Other impersonation cases include the kidnapping and unlawful detention of a group of Latino men, individuals posing as ICE agents on a college campus, and a sexual assault involving threats of deportation by someone impersonating an ICE officer.

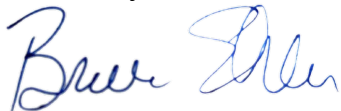
Jennifer Campbell
City Manager

SB 805 takes important steps to address these concerns by requiring law enforcement personnel to display proper identification and authorizing them to request identification from anyone claiming to be a law enforcement officer if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or a

safety concern. It also prohibits bail agents from engaging in immigration enforcement and expands laws against impersonation of police and other public officials.

For all these reasons, **the City of Encinitas is in strong support of SB 805**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bruce Ehlers
Mayor
City of Encinitas

cc: Assemblymember Tasha Boerner
Senator Catherine Blakespear