

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 9**

**SUBJECT: ENDING SUPER SANCTUARY COUNTY STATUS BY REPEALING BOARD POLICY L-2 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Public safety is a fundamental responsibility of local government, and the ability of law enforcement to effectively protect communities is essential. However, existing policies limit local cooperation with federal immigration authorities, creating obstacles in addressing public safety threats.

The California Values Act (Senate Bill 54), commonly referred to as Sanctuary State law, limits the ability of law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. This creates obstacles in the identification and removal of individuals who pose a threat to public safety.

SB 54 allows for limited exceptions so that law enforcement agencies can cooperate with federal immigration authorities when someone has been convicted of serious felonies. On December 10, 2024 (29), the Board adopted Board Policy L-2, which limits County departments' cooperation with federal immigration authorities, including in cases involving individuals convicted of violent crimes.

Board Policy L-2 goes beyond what current state law requires and prioritizes criminals over the safety and well-being of our communities. There are existing federal protections in place to protect victims of crimes, regardless of immigration status.

Today's action would repeal Board Policy L-2 and all associated actions.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Repeal Board Policy L-2, Cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
2. Repeal Resolution #24-139, Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego Adding Board Policy L-2, Cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
3. Reverse all direction from December 10, 2024 (29) provided to the Chief Administrative Officer.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Ensuring public safety is a foundational aspect of achieving equity and community well-being. By repealing Board Policy L-2, cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities would be enhanced in a manner that aligns with the County's commitment to fostering safe and secure communities for all residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Public safety is a crucial component of community sustainability. Repealing Board Policy L-2 supports law enforcement's ability to effectively manage public safety concerns, which contributes to the long-term stability and well-being of the region.

Allowing for responsible cooperation between local and federal authorities enhances the County's ability to mitigate risks associated with criminal activities. Ensuring that law enforcement agencies have the necessary tools to protect communities aligns with the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of maintaining safe and resilient communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years associated with these recommendations.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

- AYES: Anderson, Desmond
- NOES: Montgomery Steppe
- ABSTENTIONS: Lawson-Remer
- ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)  
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed  
by Andrew Potter

