

**San Benito County Democratic Central Committee  
San Benito County, California**

**RESOLUTION 2026 – 01**

**CALLING FOR A RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW,  
AND CONDEMNING THE BLATANT DISREGARD FOR CONSTITUTIONAL  
LIBERTIES AND PROTECTIONS IN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES BY  
HEAVILY ARMED FEDERAL I.C.E. AGENTS**

**WHEREAS**, this nation was established under the principle of rule of law, with broad protections against the establishment of a tyrannical state embedded in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and subsequent amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump, Former Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, Former Attorney General Pam Bondi, and other operatives within the Trump Administration have unleashed heavily-armed, poorly-trained, masked forces into the streets of American communities, to operate with impunity as a secret police force — against the wishes of governors, mayors, and local law enforcement officials — with the clear purpose of terrorizing immigrant communities and intimidating citizen protesters; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals — including innocent United States citizens, legal residents, and even children — have been unlawfully brutalized, arrested, detained in facilities with woefully substandard conditions, and sometimes even deported to foreign prisons, with no regard for their legal rights under the Constitution, including the right to due process or even the opportunity to call a lawyer; and

**WHEREAS**, actions designed to instill fear and compliance in the population at large have now been extended to target citizen observers and even members of the press who are merely documenting ICE activities, in clear violation of the First Amendment, and in an obvious effort to stifle not only dissent, but also the security of the free press, a bulwark of democratic government; and

**WHEREAS**, the situation is grave, with ICE continuing to detain hundreds of people — most of them with no criminal record — without due process; engaging in brutality; and utilizing increasingly dangerous tactics such as pointing guns at protesters and throwing tear gas in residential areas including around schools; with three individuals — Renée Good, Alex Pretti, and Silverio Villegas González — recently shot and killed by ICE officers, while dozens more have died in ICE custody over the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump, Former Attorney General Bondi, Former Secretary Noem, and other representatives of the Trump Administration have responded to concerns about all of the above with statements that are in direct contradiction to evidence provided by eye witnesses and video recordings; have refused to cooperate with state officials in investigating officer-involved shootings or follow standard investigation protocols; and have shown no interest in upholding the rule of law, or operating within it; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trump Administration is now seeking an additional \$10 billion in no-strings-attached funding for ICE, on top of the \$170 billion dollars already allocated in H.R. 1, in order to further terrorize American communities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee condemns the militarization and terrorization of American communities through the mass deployment of heavily armed, masked ICE agents, in blatant disregard for the constitutional rights of community members, while undermining the ability of local law enforcement officers to protect local communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee calls for the immediate withdrawal of ICE agents from American communities; the demilitarization of the nation's immigration enforcement; and a return to the rule of law across our society, with the rights of individuals upheld; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee calls upon the Congress of the United States (1) to hold individuals within the Trump Administration accountable for their violations of the United States Constitution, including for any of their own misconduct or unlawful use of force; (2) to demand independent investigations into ICE activities, and full transparency in reporting any findings; and (3) to mandate across-the-board implementation of standards of conduct for all federal law enforcement officers — including a requirement to wear and use body cameras, a prohibition on the wearing of face masks, and the wearing of visible identification — and the upholding of human rights standards within all federal detention facilities; and (4) to codify a clear, uniform, and enforceable national use-of-force standard applicable to immigration enforcement agents; and (5) to uphold enforceable human rights standards across all immigration detention facilities, including independent inspections, guaranteed medical care, and mandatory reporting of abuses; and (6) to prohibit the detention of children for immigration enforcement purposes, consistent with international human rights law and the principle of the best interests of the child, recognizing that such detention causes well-documented physical and psychological harm and is inconsistent with the standards set forth in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to ensure that no child, including unaccompanied minors, is held in custodial settings for civil immigration proceedings; and (7) to ensure special safeguards for the handling of vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and elderly individuals; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee calls upon the Congress of the United States to deny increased funding for the Department of Homeland Security, and to reclaim any unspent funds previously allocated; and to replace U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with a new agency within the Department of Justice that operates with robust civilian oversight, institutional integrity, and full respect for constitutional law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee stands in support of House Resolution 1030: To end ICE abuse (Khanna), and urges Congresswoman Lofgren to vote in favor of the resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee calls upon Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff to introduce or vote in favor of a similar resolution in the Senate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2026.

Dolores Morales, Chair  
San Benito County Democratic Central Committee