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July 9, 2025

Honorable Nick Schultz  
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill (SB) 627 Law enforcement: masks, as amended June 24, 2025 –  
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Schultz,

On behalf of the City of Paramount, I am writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 627, which appropriately addresses the troubling and increasingly common practice of federal law enforcement and immigration agents disguising their identities during operations in our communities. The use of masks, plain clothes, and unmarked vehicles by these agents fosters public fear, sows distrust in government institutions, and raises serious safety and accountability concerns.

The City of Paramount is a diverse, working-class community in southeast Los Angeles County with a large immigrant population. Within our region, many families have been directly impacted by immigration enforcement actions that often occur without warning and lack transparency. Over the last month alone, the region has witnessed a rise in reports of masked individuals appearing at homes, schools, and businesses—conducting what appear to be official enforcement actions with no clear agency identification. These encounters have deeply shaken our residents, particularly children and seniors, and have left community leaders without answers or means of accountability.

We applaud Senator Wiener's leadership in bringing forward SB 627, which would prohibit law enforcement officers from wearing masks or personal disguises while engaging with the public in the performance of their duties.

Paramount has long valued public safety, community trust, and transparent policing practices. We have also been outspoken about our concerns related to immigration enforcement tactics that rely on fear and confusion. The absence of clear identification has enabled not only official actions that lack accountability, but also impersonation by individuals seeking to exploit or harass vulnerable community members. These "secret police" tactics are not compatible with democratic values or effective public service.

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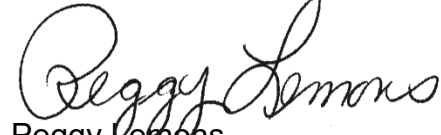
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For these reasons, the City of Paramount supports SB 627, as amended on June 24, 2025, and urges the Committee to move the bill forward.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact John Moreno, City Manager, at 562-220-2225.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Lemons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peggy Lemons  
Mayor