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

**Re: SB 805 (Pérez) No Vigilantes Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Schultz,

On behalf of the City of Paramount, 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.

The City of Paramount is a diverse, working-class community in southeast Los Angeles County with a large immigrant population that contributes significantly to the local economy and cultural fabric.

Recent immigration enforcement activities by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency have caused widespread fear and confusion in our communities, particularly when officers appear in sensitive locations such as schools and churches, often masked and lacking clear identification. The lack of transparency in these encounters has resulted in growing concerns among community members and local officials who do not know with certainty who is responsible for incidents resembling kidnappings and the use of excessive force, which makes accountability impossible.

Multiple news reports have 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. These incidents are made worse by reports that bounty hunters are being recruited to target undocumented immigrants, raising serious safety concerns.

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 Paramount is in strong support of SB 805.

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

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