



## **STATEMENT REGARDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKING NO ACTION ON ICE/DHS LAWSUIT**

**Santa Ana, Calif. (August 12, 2025)** – At today’s Board of Supervisors meeting, I brought an item to the Board of Supervisors to request that we join with the County of Los Angeles and several Orange County cities in intervening in the pending PEDRO VASQUEZ PERDOMO v. KRISTI NOEM lawsuit.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit allege that the federal government is conducting immigration enforcement in violation of the Constitution and their due process rights. They further allege that Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are unlawfully conducting sweeps and detaining and arresting individuals based on race, ethnicity, occupation, and the language they speak. The federal court in the case issued an order that bars the use of race, ethnicity, occupation, or language spoken to detain individuals pending a hearing scheduled in September.

I asked my Board Colleagues to direct the County to join with the community organizations and cities supporting the plaintiffs in this case, either by joining the lawsuit or by submitting a brief in support of the relief sought by the plaintiffs. My proposal did not receive majority support, and the Board opted to take no action on my request.

I believe that, though this litigation is focused on the immigrant communities in our region, our participation as a County is needed to protect the due process rights of all residents who can be targeted for their skin color or because they speak English with an accent, without regard to their status in the country.

Though I am disappointed by this outcome, you have my word, I will continue to work in every way I can to support our immigrant family, friends, and neighbors and protect our due process and constitutional rights.

*Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in November 2022. He represents the Second District, which includes Santa Ana and portions of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, and Tustin. For additional information, visit <https://d2.ocgov.com/supervisor>.*