

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON

RESOLUTION

No. 54-1-2026

On Motion of County Commissioner Board as a whole
Seconded by County Commissioner _____

OPPOSING THE UNLAWFUL ENFORCEMENT TACTICS OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE), U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP), AND/OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONDUCTING CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Commissioners is committed to advancing racial equity, transparency, accountability, and public trust in government institutions. Hudson County is home to persons of diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant community. All county residents, whether they have lawful immigration status or are undocumented are valued and integral members of our social, cultural and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, trust between residents and public officials, including law enforcement agencies operating within Hudson County, is essential to community safety, civic participation, and access to public services; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners acknowledge and condemn the unlawful enforcement tactics that ICE and other assisting federal agencies have employed during Operation Metro Surge in Minnesota; including the murdering of two U.S. citizens, the unlawful manipulation tactics and detention of children, and the use of chemical agents on individuals invoking their first amendment rights to free speech; and

WHEREAS, Hudson County continues to uphold the well-established laws as set forth in our State and Federal Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, Hudson County, including all of our local law enforcement agencies, continues to abide and support the New Jersey Attorney General's Immigrant Trust Directive, which ensures that local law enforcement will not participate or cooperate with federal civil immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the County of Hudson together advocate for enforcement practices that uphold civil liberties, human dignity, and transparency for all residents, regardless of status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners support and commend Executive Order No. CG-8: Refusing Authorization for County Owned Property, Buildings, Parking Lots, Parking Ramps, Vacant Lots, and Garages To Be Used For Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities dated January 29, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners continues to support the New Jersey Attorney General Immigrant Trust Directive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners beseeches the Hudson County Sheriff Department to work with the Office of the County Executive in developing a response procedure for circumstances that involve civil immigration enforcement in and on County-owned and, or County-operated property, including but limited to buildings, parking lots, etc.

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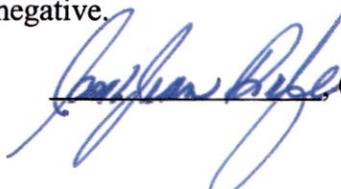
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners calls upon U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to adopt and enforce policies requiring ICE officers to clearly identify themselves, including visible faces, name badges, and agency insignia, during civil enforcement actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners and the County of Hudson affirm their commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community, and to protecting the safety, dignity, and civil rights of all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners and the County of Hudson encourages and urges cities, townships, villages, school districts, and other local governmental entities within and beyond Hudson County, to consider adopting similar policies and resolutions that promote transparency, accountability, racial equity, and public trust.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.	Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.
Aponte-Lipski	✓				O'Dea	✓			
Baselice	✓				Rodriguez	✓			
Cedeño	✓								
Cifelli	✓				Chairperson Romano	✓			
Kopacz			✓						

It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hudson held on the 29 day of Jan A.D. 2026, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 7 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.


_____, Clerk

January ____, 2026

Carol Jean Doyle, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Commissioners
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

RE: Executive Order No. CG-8

Dear Ms. Doyle:

Pursuant to the authority vested in this office under the County Executive Form of the Optional County Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36 and 37, and Section 3.3 of the Hudson County Administrative Code, I do hereby issue this Executive Order, effective January ____, 2026, and direct as follows:

PREAMBLE

**Refusing Authorization for County Owned Property, Buildings, Parking Lots,
Parking Ramps, Vacant Lots, and Garages
to Be Used for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities**

WHEREAS, the County of Hudson is one of the most diverse locales in the United States, with residents from virtually every nation on Earth, speaking a myriad languages;

WHEREAS, the County of Hudson is committed to protecting every person's dignity and humanity and being a County where all residents feel welcome and safe when interacting with County employees and services, regardless of their race, religion, immigration status, or national origin;

WHEREAS, the County's finite resources are to be used to provide resources and services to the community, and not for the purpose of enforcing civil immigration laws;

WHEREAS, federal agents have used Hudson County parking lots as a staging site for civil immigration enforcement operations;

WHEREAS, federal agents have been instructed through internal memorandum to use administrative warrants to unlawfully enter private and, or non-public areas;

WHEREAS, the use of County property, buildings, parking lots, parking ramps, vacant lots, and garages to facilitate civil immigration enforcement actions would be inconsistent with and would undermine the spirit and purpose of the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, such use would erode the trust between immigrant communities and the County, weakening the relationships that are essential to ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, as the chief executive and administrative officer of the County of Hudson, it is within my authority to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to implement County ordinances, and

to issue executive orders establishing policies and procedures to direct and supervise the Administration, which includes departments responsible for overseeing and determining the appropriate use of County owned or controlled property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Guy, County Executive of the County of Hudson, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Limitation on Use of County Property, Buildings, Parking Lots, Parking Ramps, Vacant Lots, and Garages.

No federal, state, or local government entity or personnel is authorized to use any County-owned or County-controlled property, building, parking lot or ramp, vacant lot, or garage as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar use for civil immigration enforcement operations. "Staging area" means an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and/or deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operations. Such spaces are not available to the general public for similar activities, and federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not receive special or enhanced access to County property for civil immigration enforcement operations.

No federal, state, or local government entity or personnel is authorized to enter, remain in, or conduct any civil immigration enforcement activity within County-owned or County-controlled property, including but not limited to, buildings, unless same is required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant.

Section 2. Effect of Civil Immigration Enforcement Directives/Activities on County Employees.

County employees, contractors, and agents shall not voluntarily assist, facilitate, or cooperate with federal, state, or local government entities or personnel regarding civil immigration enforcement within County-owned, leased, or operated buildings, facilities, or property, including granting access to non-public areas or providing space or resources, except where such assistance is required by law.

County employees, contractors, and agents are prohibited from sharing any information they receive in the course of their employment with federal, state, or local government entities or personnel in regard to civil immigration enforcement regardless if they are on or off County-owned or County-controlled property; such information is confidential pursuant to their employ.

Section 3. Effect of Civil Immigration Enforcement Directives/Activities on the Hudson County Sheriff's Department.

The County acknowledges and echoes the New Jersey Attorney General's Immigration Trust Directive which limits the participation and cooperation of local law enforcement with federal agencies regarding civil immigration enforcement. Hudson County Sheriff Officers are directed to continue upholding and enforcing the laws of the State of New Jersey as well as the State and Federal Constitutions.

Section 4. Implementation.

The County Department of Roads and Property shall work in conjunction with the Department of Law to identify County-owned and County-controlled properties, buildings, parking lots, parking ramps, vacant lots, or garages that either have been used, or are likely to be used in the future, by federal, state, or local government entities or personnel as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar activity for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement.

The above-named departments must ensure that all such properties have clear signage stating:

This property is owned and/or controlled by the County of Hudson.

The County of Hudson does not authorize this property to be used, and it may not be used, by any federal, state, or local government entity or personnel as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar use for civil immigration enforcement operations.

The relevant County departments shall further ensure that, wherever appropriate, physical barriers such as locked gates are used to limit access to County-owned and/or County-controlled parking lots or ramps, vacant lots, or garages consistent with this Executive Order.

Section 5. Enforcement.

Any County employee, including the Hudson County Sheriff's Department, who becomes aware of any violation of this Executive Order must immediately report such violation to their department head and email a report of the violation, with as much information as possible, including time, location and a description of what was observed, to the Hudson County Sheriff's Office. Failure to follow this directive may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

Section 6. Scope.

This order is not intended to and shall not be construed to interfere with the County's compliance with the terms of any existing contract to which the County is a party. This order does not apply to property owned by the federal government and operated by or leased to the County. Nothing in this order shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of court orders or lawful judicial warrants, or the enforcement of criminal law, nor as limiting the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue in force until further notice or until it is amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG GUY
Hudson County Executive

CG/adp

Cc: Honorable Anthony Romano, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners
Abraham Antun, County Administrator
David Drumeler, Deputy County Administrator
Oscar Aviles, Deputy County Administrator
Jennifer Davis, Chief of Staff to the County Executive
Patrick McCarthy, Deputy Chief of Staff to County Executive