

Gilroy Unified School District

Resolution No. 25/26-26

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Gilroy Unified School District Opposing the Construction or Operation of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center in Gilroy

WHEREAS, the mission of the Gilroy Unified School District is to ensure that every student is safe, supported, valued, and able to learn in an inclusive educational environment; and

WHEREAS, Gilroy Unified School District serves a diverse student population, including immigrant, mixed-status, multilingual, and newcomer families whose contributions strengthen the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the community; and

WHEREAS, schools function best when students and families feel safe accessing education, healthcare, counseling, transportation, nutrition services, and community resources without fear or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board recognizes that student learning, attendance, academic achievement, family engagement, and emotional well-being are closely connected to whether students and families feel safe, welcomed, and supported within their community and school environments; and

WHEREAS, research and lived experience demonstrate that the threat or presence of immigration detention and enforcement activities can create significant trauma, fear, anxiety, chronic stress, absenteeism, disengagement from school, and barriers to educational success for children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has heard concerns from students, families, educators, counselors, and community members regarding the potential educational, emotional and financial impacts that immigration detention infrastructure may have on students served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the construction or operation of an ICE detention center in Gilroy would undermine the sense of safety and belonging that is essential to student well-being, academic achievement, consistent school attendance, mental health, and community trust; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board recognizes that many students in Gilroy Unified School District have family members, friends, neighbors, or caregivers who could be directly or indirectly impacted by immigration detention policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, while immigration enforcement policy is determined by federal and other governmental entities, the Governing Board may appropriately express concern regarding the potential impacts that local detention infrastructure may have on students, families, and the educational environment of the District and is uniquely positioned to provide input regarding those local educational impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board believes public investments and community development efforts should prioritize educational opportunity, affordable housing, youth development, workforce pathways, healthcare access, restorative community safety, student and family supports, and economic stability rather than expanding detention infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is committed to protecting the rights, dignity, humanity, safety, and well-being of all students regardless of immigration status, ethnicity, race, language, religion, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, California law, including the California Values Act and protections related to student educational records and safe school environments, affirms the importance of limiting fear and disruption to students and families connected to immigration enforcement matters; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board recognizes its fiduciary obligation and responsibility, consistent with its educational mission, to advocate for policies and conditions that support the educational success, safety, and emotional well-being of all children in the Gilroy community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Gilroy Unified School District formally opposes the construction, expansion, or operation of any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center within Gilroy or surrounding South County region due to the anticipated negative impacts such a facility could have on student well-being, family trust, financial impact, school climate, and educational access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board calls upon local, county, state, and federal leaders to reject proposals that would expand immigration detention infrastructure in the Gilroy community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board reaffirms its commitment to maintaining schools as welcoming, inclusive, safe and supportive environments for all students and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is directed to share this resolution with the Gilroy City Council, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, local legislators, educational partners, and relevant community organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board encourages continued collaboration with community-based organizations, educators, families, and public agencies to support immigrant students and uphold educational equity, student wellness, and community belonging.

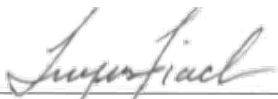
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Gilroy Unified School District on this 28th day of May, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Jennifer Del Bono, Tuyen Fiack, Gabriela Kim, Michelle Nelson, Linda Piceno, Hyon Chu Yi-Baker


NOES: Kenny Moreno

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



**Tuyen Fiack, Board President
Gilroy Unified School District**



**Anisha Munshi, Ed.D., Superintendent
Gilroy Unified School District**