



Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

****As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting *scent-free* and *smoke-free*.****

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *December 4, 2024 Minutes*
3. Public Comment
Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on an issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
4. New Business/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Santa Cruz County Health Equity Officer Report – Lun Wang, *Health Equity Officer*
 - 4.2. Immigration Advocacy for the New Federal Administration
 - 4.3. 2025 Hispanic Heritage Art Wall Exhibit Planning Update
5. Commissioner District/City Reports
 - 5.1. District 1
 - 5.2. District 2
 - 5.3. District 3
 - 5.4. District 4
 - 5.5. District 5
 - 5.6. Santa Cruz City
 - 5.7. Watsonville City
6. Staff Report
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting Scheduled for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

PRESENT: Yadira Flores-Martinez (*1st District*), Oscar Sanchez (*2nd District*), Kassandra Flores (*3rd District*), Cesar De Santos (*4th District*), Micaela Lopez (*City of Watsonville*), Bibianna Rocha (*City of Watsonville*)

EXCUSED: Rebecca Hernandez (*City of Santa Cruz*)

ABSENT: Leo Gomez (*5th District*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)

GUESTS: Paz Padilla (*Community Action Board Programs and Impact Director*), Hannah Rogers (*Community Action Board Development Director*), and 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM.

Commission welcomed new Commissioners Kassandra Flores (*3rd District*) and Bibianna Rocha (*City of Watsonville*).

2. Approve October 2, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion/Second: Flores Martinez/Lopez

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

4. New Business/Action Items

4.1. Community Action Board (CAB) Report

Padilla and Rogers shared key updates on CAB's ongoing work and recent achievements, emphasizing increased Latino and Zapotec representation in organization and Board leadership, strengthened connections to the farmworker community, and expanded bilingual communications. Major initiatives include long-standing programs like rental assistance and youth homelessness services, alongside new projects such as a planned shelter with tiny homes and 24/7 security. They also highlighted Cab's four focus areas: homelessness prevention, youth development and employment, the Davenport Resource Center, and crisis response efforts. Notable accomplishments include distributing \$14M in pandemic relief—60% of which supported undocumented individuals—and a commitment to responsive programming guided by biennial surveys of low-income communities.

CAB continues to advocate for immigrant rights through forums like a recent immigration event at Watsonville High School, offering legal consultations and "Know Your Rights" education. As the only Central Coast affiliate of Unidos US, CAB focuses on equity and leadership development while maintaining programs like Luna y Sol for youth and wrap-around day-worker services to promote job stability. Their 60th anniversary celebrations include a May community carnival and

an October celebration showcase. The organization welcomes support through sponsorships, referrals, and feedback while remaining committed to evolving with the needs of the communities it serves.

4.2. 2025 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Wall Exhibit Planning

Commission discussed partnering with Community Action Board staff to create an art wall display celebrating CAB's 60th anniversary and highlighting their achievements over the years.

Motion to discuss partnering with CAB staff to create an art wall display celebrating their 60th anniversary

Motion/Second: De Santos/Flores

Motion passed unanimously

5. Commissioner Reports

5.1. District 1 Report (Flores-Martinez):

Flores-Martinez requested that we advocate to reestablish the sanctuary community at the February meeting.

5.2. District 2 Report (Sanchez):

Sanchez suggested a discussion on advocacy in support of the immigrant community in the wake of the recent election. Flores-Martinez suggested inviting the County Public Defender's Office to present on the process involved in record clearance.

5.3. District 3 Report (Flores):

Flores shared a little about her background and focus related to advancing the interests of the Latino community in Santa Cruz County. Serving as Director of the United Way's 211 program, she is well informed on the needs of Latinos in the various County regions and connected with resources for appropriate to each community.

5.4. District 4 Report (De Santos): No Report

5.5. District 5 Report (Gomez): No Report

5.6. Santa Cruz City Report (Hernandez): No Report

5.7. Watsonville City Report (Lopez/Rocha):

Rocha shared a little about her background and focus related to advancing the interests of the Latino community in Santa Cruz County. As a County Tax Collection Supervisor for the Watsonville and Santa Cruz offices, Rocha is focused on equity ensuring services and communications with the public are bilingual. She is planning a presentation with a local Watsonville realty office to new Latino homeowners on property taxes.


Lopez reported on recent Watsonville Film Festival Dia De Los Muertos events.

6. Staff Report: No Report

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

Latino/x Health in Santa Cruz County

Mónica Morales, HSA Director
Lun Wang, HSA Health Equity Officer
February 5, 2025

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HSA's Vision and Mission

Vision: Santa Cruz County is a healthy, safe and thriving community for all.

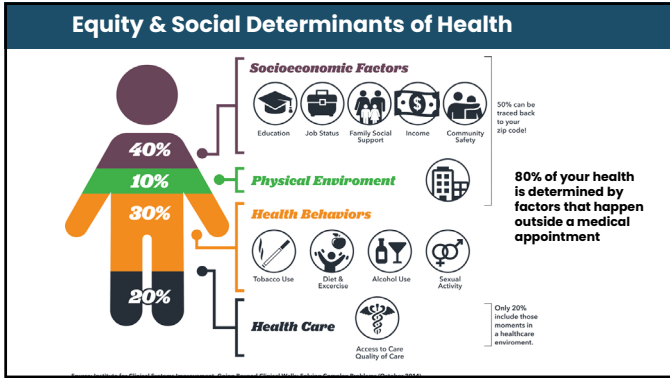
Mission: To promote and ensure a healthy community and environment by providing education, outreach and comprehensive health services in an inclusive and accessible manner.

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HSA's Strategic Plan Focus Areas 2020-2025

- Continuous Process Improvement
- Equity in Program Resources
- Increasing Access to Health & Wellbeing
- Workforce Development
- Increase Collaboration with Community Partners

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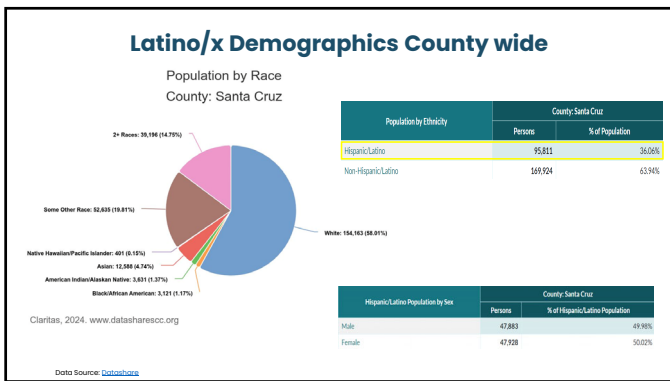


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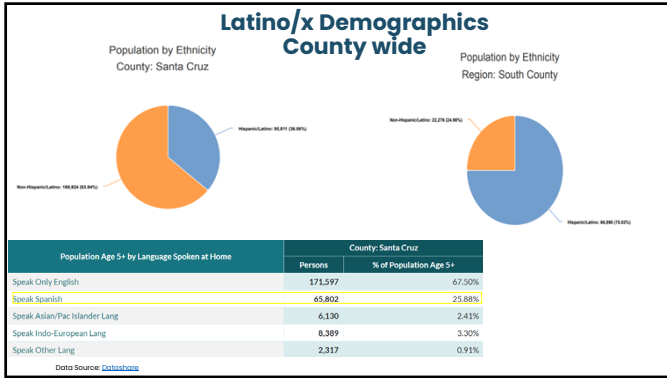
Countywide Data

Latino/x Population compared to Non-Latino/x population in Santa Cruz County

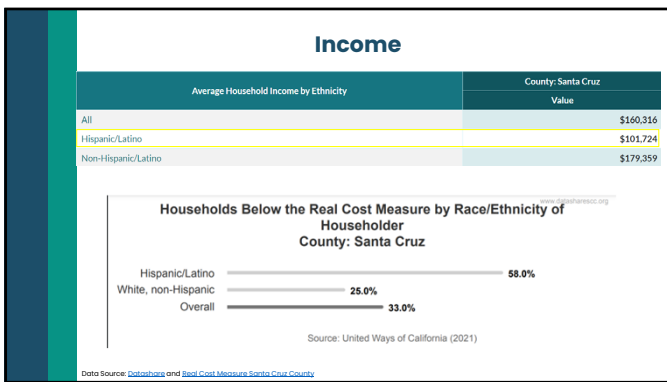
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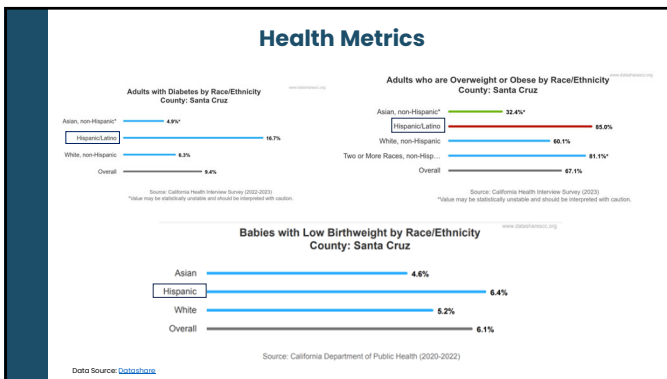
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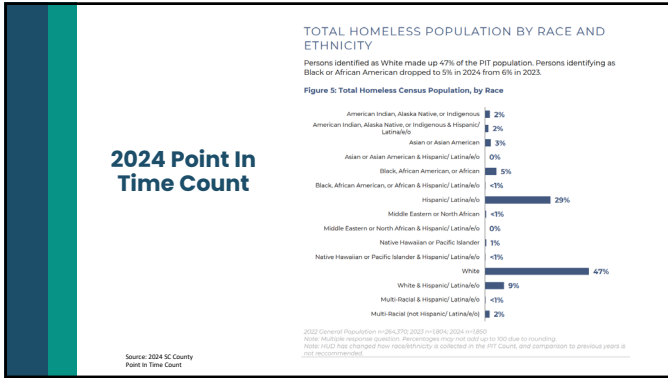
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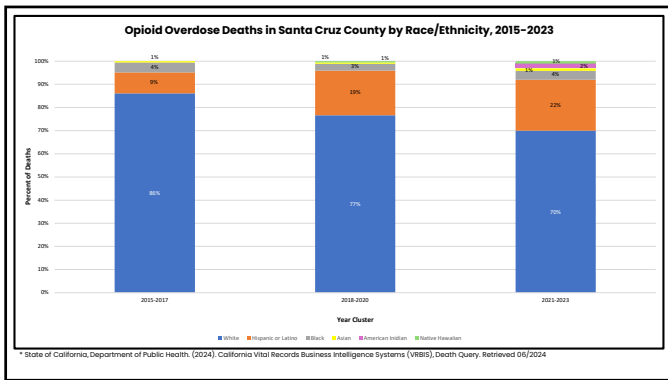
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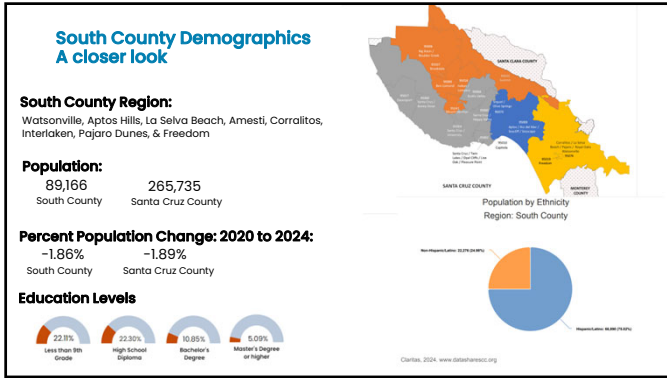
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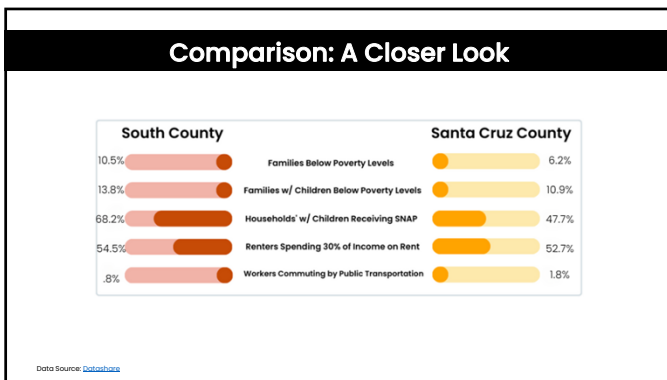
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South County Data

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Comparison of Health and Wellness Indicators

Health and Wellness Indicators	South County	Santa Cruz County
Uninsured Adults (2022)	19.0%	6.8%
Children and Teens with Asthma (2019-2020)	14.9%	7.0%
Adults with Diabetes (2022)	13.2%	9.4%
Adults with Poor Mental Health Days (2022)	18.6%	16.9%
Children (2-11) who are overweight (2017-2018)	21.2%	19.8%

Data Source: [Datahub.org](#)

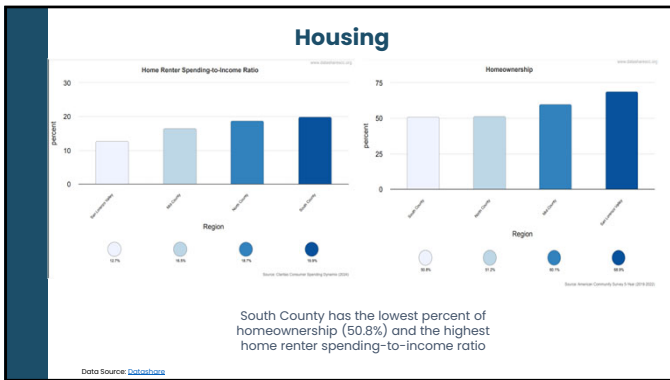
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Education

Population 25+ by Educational Attainment	Region: South County		County: Santa Cruz	
	Persons	% of Population Age 25+	Persons	% of Population Age 25+
Less than 9th Grade	12,925	22.11%	14,117	7.48%
Some High School, No Diploma	5,450	9.32%	8,650	4.58%
High School Grad	13,039	22.30%	29,106	15.42%
Some College, No Degree	11,955	20.45%	40,193	21.29%
Associate Degree	4,458	7.62%	16,077	8.52%
Bachelor's Degree	5,951	10.18%	45,065	23.88%
Master's Degree	2,974	5.09%	22,856	12.11%
Professional Degree	887	1.52%	6,239	3.31%
Doctorate Degree	821	1.40%	6,450	3.42%

Data Source: [Datahub.org](#)

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2024 Point In Time Count

JURISDICTION	UNSHeltered		SHeltered		TOTAL		23-24 NET CHANGE
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
Total Incorporated	1,118	1,061	378	365	1,496	1,426	-5%
City of Capitola	23	50	0	0	23	50	117%
City of Santa Cruz	749	384	279	275	1,028	659	-36%
City of Scotts Valley	24	44	0	0	24	44	83%
City of Watsonville	332	583	99	90	421	673	60%
Total Unincorporated/Confidential Scattered Site*	249	302	0	0	249	302	21%
Total County Office of Education	59	122	0	0	59	122	107%
Total	1,426	1,485	378	365	1,804	1,850	3%

From 2023 to 2024, Watsonville's unsheltered population increased by 60%

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Current Opportunities

- Advocating for local policies that promote economic mobility & opportunity
- Advocating for increasing the inventory of very-low income housing, especially for South County and housing access for undocumented immigrants
- Advocating for increased flexible funding for culturally responsive healthcare services, especially for mental health and substance use services
- Monitoring the impacts of the Federal Administration and participating in efforts to support immigrants in our community.

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What We Are Doing

Data & Reporting	Evaluation & Process Improvement
Advocacy & Education	Community Collaboration

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Resources

[Santacruzcountyca.gov/sanctuary](https://santacruzcountyca.gov/sanctuary) - This webpage contains key resources to support residents who are concerned about their ability to access critical health care or social safety net services to support their overall health, well-being, and ability to thrive.

[Sanctuary](#)

SusDerechos.info is a site designed to provide immigrant communities in the tri-county region of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz with reliable and up-to-date information about their rights in this country.

[Home - susderechos.info](#)



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All the information provided in this presentation is publicly available through the DataShare platform.



This central hub of information for Santa Cruz County has the most up-to-date data, dashboards, reports, and community wellbeing indicators.

Visit: www.datasharescc.org



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Questions?
Thank You

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Protecting and Supporting Our Community

January 2025

Changes in federal leadership may impact community members, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ populations, and people who access reproductive care. The County has a longstanding history of providing services to these groups and will respond to attacks on individual rights in partnership with local organizations.

The Board of Supervisors has established Santa Cruz County as both a Sanctuary County and a Champion of Reproductive Freedom. The Board has also opposed any Title IX changes to weaken protections for transgender, gender non-binary and gender non-confirming residents.

The County continues to actively assess programs to ensure clients are safe and are prepared to take further protective measures as needed.

At a Glance: How many served?

- ✔ **Social Services Provided FY 2023/24**
 - 85,067 people received Medi-Cal coverage
 - 41,765 people received CalFresh food assistance
 - 4,233 people received CalWORKs cash aid
 - 3,650 seniors received In Home Support Services
- ✔ **8,254 Undocumented Clients on Medi-Cal as of 12/24**
 Medical, dental, vision, mental health, family planning (a result of state's legislative Medi-Cal expansion)
- ✔ **Behavioral Health Medi-Cal Clients:**
 5,541 unduplicated clients served (1,394 youth)
 1,424 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Clients on Medi-Cal
 - 20% of adults unhoused across BH System of Care
 - 40%+ for individuals engaged in SUD or mental health residential
 3,954 Mental Health Clients
 - Including 40% of unhoused adults



Immigrant Community

- Santa Cruz is a Sanctuary County for undocumented immigrants, re-affirmed on 12/17/2024
- County Sheriff does not comply with ICE detainers and does not ask victims/witnesses about their immigration status
- Under SB 54, the County is prevented from sharing personal info with ICE
- ICE/Border Patrol may not enter non-public county spaces/clinics without a valid judicial warrant
- Our Health Services providers and Human Services staff do not share any information about an individual's immigration status or records with federal immigration authorities
- We have partnered with the Pajaro Valley Collaborative and other community-based organizations for a cohesive and robust response



LGBTQ+ Community

Santa Cruz is a Sanctuary County for trans, nonbinary & intersex people, affirmed on 6/4/2024.

Our County's Health Centers offer gender-affirming care, and our Health and Human Services Agencies partner with providers like the Diversity Center to support LGBTQ+ youth and adults with Behavioral Health needs and to prevent exploitation.



Reproductive Rights

HSA Health Centers support the reproductive health rights of our diverse community by offering comprehensive services, including reproductive health education for teens and adults, STI/HIV testing and treatment, family planning counseling, and access to contraception for individuals of all genders.

Next Steps

Leaders from the County Administrator's Office, Health Services Agency, Human Services Department, County Sheriff, Public Defender and Probation Department will meet with community leaders to strengthen partnerships and build support and resources. We will be monitoring for potential threats, including:

- Evidence of local ICE activity
- Federal funding cuts due to local sanctuary policies
- Public charge rule changes
- Policies to limit gender expression/identity
- Limits on access to reproductive care/contraception
- Changes to protections based on sexual orientation



Protegiendo y Apoyando a Nuestra Comunidad

enero 2025

Los cambios en el liderazgo federal pueden afectar a los miembros de la comunidad, incluidos los inmigrantes, las poblaciones LGBTQ+ y las personas que acceden a la atención reproductiva. El Condado tiene una larga trayectoria brindando servicios a estos grupos y, en asociación con organizaciones locales, responderá a ataques a los derechos individuales.

La Junta de Supervisores ha establecido al Condado de Santa Cruz como un Condado Santuario y Campeón de la Libertad Reproductiva. La Junta también se ha opuesto a cualquier cambio en el Título IX que debilite las protecciones para los residentes transgénero, no binarios y que no confirman su género.

El Condado continúa evaluando sus programas activamente para garantizar que los clientes estén seguros y preparados para tomar medidas de protección adicionales según sea necesario.

De un vistazo: Personas atendidas

✓ Servicios Sociales Proporcionados el Año Fiscal 2023/24

- 85,067 personas recibieron cobertura de Medi-Cal
- 41,765 personas recibieron asistencia alimentaria de CalFresh
- 4,233 personas recibieron ayuda monetaria de CalWORKs
- 3,650 personas mayores recibieron servicios de apoyo en el hogar

✓ 8,254 Clientes Indocumentados con Medi-Cal a Partir de diciembre 2024

Servicios médicos, odontología, visión, salud mental, planificación familiar. (Como resultado de la expansión legislativa de Medi-Cal del estado)

✓ Clientes de Medi-Cal de Salud Mental y Tratamiento del Uso de Sustancias (BH):

- 5,541 clientes no duplicados atendidos (1,394 jóvenes)
- 1,424 Clientes con trastorno por uso de sustancias (SUD) que reciben Medi-Cal
 - 20% de adultos sin vivienda en todo el Sistema de Atención de BH
 - 40%+ para personas dedicadas a actividades residenciales SUD o de salud mental
- 3,954 Clientes de salud mental
 - Incluye un 40% de adultos sin hogar



Comunidad Inmigrante

- Santa Cruz es un Condado Santuario para inmigrantes indocumentados, reafirmado el 17 de diciembre 2024
- El Sheriff del Condado no cumple con las órdenes de detención de ICE y no pregunta a las víctimas/testigos sobre su estatus migratorio
- Según la SB 54, el Condado no puede compartir información personal con ICE
- ICE/Patrulla Fronteriza no puede ingresar a espacios/clínicas no públicas del Condado sin una orden judicial válida
- Nuestros proveedores de servicios de salud y personal de servicios humanos no comparten ninguna información sobre el estado migratorio o los registros de un individuo con las autoridades federales de inmigración
- Nos hemos asociado con Pajaro Valley Collaborative y otras organizaciones comunitarias para una respuesta unida y sólida.



Comunidad LGBTQ+

Santa Cruz es un Condado santuario para personas trans, no binarias e intersexuales, afirmado el 4-jun-2024.

Nuestros Centros de Salud ofrecen atención que afirma el género, y nuestras Agencias de Servicios Humanos y de Salud se asocian con proveedores como el Centro de Diversidad para apoyar a los jóvenes y adultos LGBTQ+ con necesidades de salud conductual y para prevenir la explotación.



Derechos Reproductivos

Nuestros Centros de Salud apoyan los derechos de salud reproductiva de nuestra diversa comunidad. Ofrecen servicios integrales, que incluyen educación sobre la salud reproductiva para adolescentes y adultos, pruebas y tratamiento infecciones de transmisión sexual y VIH, planificación familiar, y acceso a anticonceptivos para personas de todos los géneros.

Próximos Pasos

Líderes de la Oficina del Administrador del Condado, la Agencia de Servicios de Salud, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos, el Sheriff del Condado, el Defensor Público y el Departamento de Libertad Condicional se reunirán con líderes comunitarios para fortalecer asociaciones y generar apoyo y recursos. Estaremos monitoreando posibles amenazas, incluyendo:

- Evidencia de actividad local de ICE
- Recortes de fondos federales debido a las políticas locales de santuario
- Cambios en la regla de carga pública
- Políticas para limitar la expresión/identidad de género
- Límites al acceso a la atención reproductiva y anticonceptivos
- Cambios en las protecciones basadas en la orientación sexual



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor, Justin Cummings,
Third District Supervisor
(831) 454-2200

Subject: Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to Maintaining Trust and
Safety for Local Immigrants

Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt a resolution reaffirming Santa Cruz County's commitment to protect and support members of immigrant communities as a Sanctuary County and ensure that the County is actively communicating this message in a manner that effectively reaches impacted communities; and
2. Direct the County Administrative Officer, or their designee, to work with community partners to identify opportunities to strengthen resources to help protect and support immigrant communities against policies that may negatively impact the safety and wellbeing of the members of those communities.

Executive Summary

In light of the recent presidential election and threats to implement restrictive anti-immigrant policies once the incoming President assumes office in January 2025, it is important for Santa Cruz County to reaffirm its commitment to support and protect the safety and wellbeing of immigrants in our community that may become victims of these discriminatory policies. The County's immigrant community is integral to the social and economic fabric of our region. This resolution builds upon a history of leadership, including prior sanctuary resolutions and the recent public reaffirmation of support for immigrant communities on November 7, 2024.

In addition to the resolution, we are directing the County Administrative Officer, or designee, to work with community partners to strengthen resources and partnerships with organizations that help protect members of these communities that may be the target of such policies. By reaffirming our commitment to protecting and supporting our immigrant community members and making a commitment to provide resources to these individuals, we hope to ensure and maintain the trust of these members of our community with the County.

Discussion

Santa Cruz County has a long-standing history of supporting its immigrant population through policies and partnerships, including sanctuary resolutions adopted by the County and the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville in 2017. The County's Human Services Department, along with community organizations like the Community Action Board's Santa Cruz County Immigration Project and the Santa Cruz Welcoming Network have played pivotal roles in providing these communities with resources and advocacy.

In November 2024, 35 city and county officials, law enforcement leaders, and elected representatives from throughout the Santa Cruz region signed a letter reaffirming their commitment to protecting immigrant communities. This proposed resolution strengthens these commitments, especially in the face of heightened concerns about federal immigration enforcement policies that could undermine trust and create significant challenges for local immigrant families.

The proposed resolution emphasizes the County's role as a welcoming and inclusive community, and outlines key actions to protect and support immigrant residents:

1. **Trust and Safety:** The resolution declares Santa Cruz County a place of trust and safety, prohibiting the use of County resources for federal immigration enforcement, restricting the collection of personal information unless mandated by law, and protecting client data.
2. **Supportive Policies:** It commends the Sheriff's Office for maintaining policies that separate local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement, per the California Values Act (SB54).
3. **Community Engagement:** It directs County departments to review confidentiality policies and ensure that immigration status does not hinder access to services.
4. **Victim Support:** It reaffirms the County's commitment to supporting immigrant crime victims and witnesses through timely certification for humanitarian visas, such as the "U Visa."
5. **Integration Efforts:** The resolution encourages initiatives to foster inclusion and collaboration between immigrant communities and the broader population.
6. **Collaboration:** The County will work with stakeholders, community groups, and local organizations to respond to federal immigration enforcement policies and protect vulnerable residents, and to support agencies serving impacted communities.

Adopting this resolution reaffirms Santa Cruz County's dedication to its immigrant community during a time of uncertainty. It sends a strong message of solidarity and support, ensuring all residents feel valued and protected regardless of immigration

status. It aligns with the County's longstanding commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and upholds state policies like the California Values Act.

Additionally, directing staff to work with community partners on a framework to address the urgent and multifaceted needs of immigrant populations will support coordination of resources, respond to emerging challenges, advocate for equitable policies, and foster trust between the immigrant community and local government, ultimately promoting inclusivity and resilience across the County.

Together, these actions support Santa Cruz County's dedication to its immigrant community during a time of uncertainty. It also sends a strong message of solidarity and support, ensuring all residents feel valued and protected regardless of immigration status.

Financial Impact

None

Strategic Initiatives

1.B. Comprehensive Health and Safety – Community Support

1.C. Comprehensive Health and Safety - Local Justice

Submitted by:

Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor, Justin Cummings, Third District Supervisor

Attachments:

a Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to Maintaining Trust and Safety for Immigrants

Adopted 12/17/2024
Board of Supervisors
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 279-2024

On the motion of Supervisor Koenig:

Duly seconded by Supervisor Hernandez:

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ'S
COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING TRUST AND SAFETY FOR
LOCAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County celebrates its long and rich history of immigrants who have shaped the local economy and emerged as leaders in agriculture, tourism, the military, education, business, healthcare, and other vital professions; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is a diverse community, with foreign-born residents comprising over 17.4% of the County's total population and undocumented immigrants significantly contributing to the workforce, particularly in the agriculture, hospitality, and construction industries; and

WHEREAS, immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers profoundly contribute to state and national economies, with foreign-born workers accounting for nearly 19.1% of the U.S. labor force in 2024, and foreign-born entrepreneurs owning over 38.6% of businesses in California as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming community is essential to creating a vibrant and inclusive Santa Cruz County, ensuring immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers have access to economic security, empowerment, civic engagement, safety, and protection from discrimination, oppression, and violence; and

WHEREAS, many Santa Cruz County residents express deep concerns about potential policies and actions by the incoming federal administration in January 2025 that will have significant negative impacts on immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to affirm that Santa Cruz County is a community where all residents—regardless of immigration status—are welcomed and contribute to the social and economic fabric of the community; and

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WHEREAS, the County strives to be a place of trust and safety for immigrants who live and work within the community; and

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and local agencies, including but not limited to law enforcement, schools, hospitals, and County services is essential to providing a safe environment and services to meet people's basic needs effectively; and

WHEREAS, that trust is undermined when local agencies are involved in immigration enforcement activities that are simply based on immigration status; and

WHEREAS, a strong community is one that values inclusion, embraces diversity, and invests in the well-being of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County serves as a model for a just and equitable society for all of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz resolves and orders that:

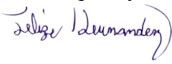
1. The County of Santa Cruz reaffirms itself as a Sanctuary County that is a welcoming community and a place of trust and safety for all immigrants regardless of immigration status.
2. Santa Cruz County resources shall not be used to enforce federal immigration law that targets individuals simply based on their immigration status, gather or disseminate information regarding the immigration status of individuals, or collect personal information unless explicitly required by Federal or State statute, regulation, or court decision.
3. The Board of Supervisors commends the Sheriff for maintaining policies that separate local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement, avoiding participation in any immigration enforcement unless required under State law per the California Values Act (SB54), and for fostering trust with all communities served by the Sheriff's Office.
4. County departments are directed to review their confidentiality policies to ensure eligible individuals are not discouraged from seeking services or engaging with County resources based on immigration status.
5. The County reaffirms its commitment to supporting immigrant crime victims and witnesses by providing timely and fair certification of their cooperation, which is essential for obtaining humanitarian visas, such as the "U Visa."

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6. The Board of Supervisors encourages efforts to integrate immigrant and refugee communities and to recognize that the community is strongest when everyone feels welcomed.
7. The County supports initiatives that bring immigrants, refugees, newcomers, and the broader community together to develop policies and programs that build welcoming communities, empowering all residents to thrive and fully participate.
8. The Board commits to engaging in dialogue and collaboration with stakeholders across Santa Cruz County in response to federal immigration enforcement policies to help create and disseminate resources that will provide the highest level of support to these communities.
9. The Board commends the ongoing efforts of local institutions, organizations, and individuals working to build trust and support for the immigrant community.
10. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to all four Santa Cruz County cities, as well as our State and Federal legislators.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of December, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Koenig, Friend, McPherson and Hernandez
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Supervisor Cummings
 ABSTAIN: None

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Office of the County Counsel

From: [Paul Johnston](#)
To: [Katherine McGrew](#)
Subject: Please forward to LAC: SF Immigrant Rights Commission Hearing - video
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 10:36:14 AM

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Dear Katherine, please forward this information to the LAC with a sincere request that the chair consider seriously the Commission's opportunity to— and responsibility—to provide similar leadership consistent with its mandate to advise the Board of Supervisors and City Councils.

Sadly, unlike San Francisco, we have no immigrant Rights Commission. In Santa Clara County, the Human Relations Commission has been filling this role for 30 years with great impact. Here in Santa Cruz County, all we have is the LAC. Under its current mandate, that Commission could play a very productive role for our immigrant communities now if it steps up to the task.

I can assure you that if you agencize a hearing similar to that in S.F., you will have great participation and appreciation from the community and a much-needed voice in local policy.

Your February meeting is coming soon. If you do agencize this, notice requirements require that you do it soon. It would be a shame to pass this moment by with inaction.

Respectfully,
paul
(he/him)
Let's do good

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From: 'Dieterich, Cristy (DPH)' via SF Immigrant Forum <sfimmigrantforum@googlegroups.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:27 PM
Subject: The SF Immigrant Rights Commission Hearing - video

On Monday, Jan 14, 2025 The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission held a special hearing with City and community partners to learn the new federal administration's plans for immigration policy and enforcement, how this will impact San Francisco, and what actions the City and community are taking to prepare our communities and build power, not panic.

Many valuable public comments and recommendations.

Video recording available: [San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Special Hearing on January 13, 2025](#)

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LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION 2024 ATTENDANCE REPORT

District/ Supervisor	Commissioner	Feb 2024	April 2024	June 2024	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	Dec 2024
1st District Supervisor Manu Koenig	Yadira Flores-Martinez	P	MEETING CANCELED FOR LACK OF QUORUM	P	P	P	P
2 nd District Supervisor Zach Friend	Oscar Sanchez	P		P	E	P	P
3 rd District Supervisor Justin Cummings	Kassandra Flores	-		-	-	E	P
4 th District Supervisor Felipe Hernandez	Cesar De Santos	P		P	P	P	P
5 th District Supervisor Bruce McPherson	Leo Gomez	P		P	P	P	A
City of Santa Cruz	Rebecca Hernandez	P		P	P	P	E
	Seat Vacant	-		-	-	-	-
City of Watsonville	Kristal Salcido	A		A	-	-	-
	Micela Lopez	A		E	P	P	P
Attendance:		P=Present		A=Absent	E=Excused	(-) = Not Seated	

Submitted:



Kaite McGrew
Commissions Manager

12/31/2024

Date



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Latino Affairs Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: First (1st) Wednesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County****
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

****Changes to the schedule**, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scclatinoaffairs.org as soon as information becomes available.

2025 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 5, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
April 2, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
June 4, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
August 6, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
October 1, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way
December 3, 2025	6:00 – 7:30 PM	United Way

Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.