



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

March 2, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF RAMIRO SANTIAGO PACHECO MARTINEZ FROM ICE DETENTION AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF RAMIRO SANTIAGO PACHECO MARTINEZ FROM ICE DETENTION AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Resolution No. 2026-26 (Attachment 1) calls for the release of a longtime Pomona community member, Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez, detained by federal immigration agents in November 2025. If approved by Council, the resolution will be disseminated to all interested parties, as requested, to assist in the release of Mr. Martinez.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact with this action.

DISCUSSION:

On November 13, 2025, Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez, a day laborer and longtime Pomona community member, was detained by federal immigration agents. Mr. Martinez is a day laborer, a resident of Pomona Council District 4, has no criminal record, and there is no indication that he poses a threat to public safety or national security. Mr. Martinez suffers from serious health complications, and his medical condition has significantly deteriorated while in immigration detention. Mr. Martinez is currently detained at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center, where detention conditions have raised serious concerns regarding adequate access to timely and appropriate medical care. Prolonged detention under these conditions places Mr. Martinez at substantial risk of permanent injury or death and undermines fundamental public health principles.

The City of Pomona has a compelling interest in protecting the health, safety, and dignity of its residents, promoting a stable and thriving community, and ensuring that City policies and practices support the overall quality of life for all who live and work in Pomona. As such, the City Council respectfully calls for the immediate release of Mr. Martinez from immigration detention, and stands in solidarity with Pomona's immigrant community, affirms its commitment to protecting the health, safety, and dignity of all residents, and urges federal authorities to exercise their legal discretion to release Mr. Martinez on humanitarian and medical grounds.

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ATTACHMENT:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2026-26