

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

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona is home to a vibrant immigrant community whose labor, culture, and family life are essential to the social and economic fabric of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona has previously affirmed its commitment to the California Values Act (SB 54) and complies with state law limiting local involvement in federal immigration enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2025, Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez, a day laborer and longtime community member in Pomona, was detained by federal immigration agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez is a day laborer, 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; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez suffers from congestive heart failure, pneumonia, and other serious health complications, and his medical condition has significantly deteriorated while in immigration detention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez has two U.S. citizen children; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, prolonged detention under these conditions places Mr. Martinez at substantial risk of permanent injury or death and undermines fundamental public health principles; and

WHEREAS, the detention of community members while accessing medical care instills fear among immigrant residents and discourages individuals from seeking necessary health services, to the detriment of public health and community safety; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) possess the legal authority to release individuals from detention on humanitarian and medical grounds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez is supported by his elected representatives, including California Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez, California Senator Susan Rubio, Congresswoman Norma Torres, and the Pomona City Council, all of whom have written letters of support requesting his release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pomona as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Pomona respectfully calls for the immediate release of Ramiro Santiago Pacheco Martinez from immigration detention; and that the City Council 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 ground

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2026.

CITY OF POMONA:

Tim Sandoval
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia Carvalho
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC
City Clerk

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Pomona at a regular meeting thereof held on March 2, 2026 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC
City Clerk