

Monterey County Board of Supervisors Referral Submittal Form

Referral No. 2026.12
Assignment Date: 6/16/26
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than noon on Wednesday prior to Board meeting:

Date: 6/02/2026	Submitted By: Supervisor Wendy Root Askew	District #: 4
Referral Title: Commitment to Constitutional Order Resolution		
Referral Purpose: Request the "Commitment to Constitutional Order" be scheduled for consideration on a future Board of Supervisors agenda.		
<p>Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required):</p> <p>This referral resubmits the Commitment to Constitutional Order resolution (attached) for placement on a future Board agenda so the Board of Supervisors may consider its adoption. The resolution was originally brought forward by members of the public, who have appeared before the Board on several occasions during General Public Comment requesting that the Board take up this matter.</p> <p>In response to these requests, the Chair worked with community members to route their submission through the County's established ceremonial resolution process. However, upon further review, the resolution is being submitted through the referral process instead.</p> <p>The resolution affirms Monterey County's commitment to constitutional principles, including separation of powers, due process protections, and the foundational rights outlined in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. It further expresses concern about actions by the federal executive branch that community members believe exceed constitutional authority, and outlines statements and suggested actions consistent with the County's previously adopted positions on immigrant communities and constitutional protections.</p> <p>Submitting the resolution via referral ensures that it is routed in accordance with established procedures and brought before the Board for formal consideration at a future meeting.</p>		
Classification - Implication	Mode of Response	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial / Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Board Report <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	
	Requested Response Timeline	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> 6 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Status reports until completed <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date:	

ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s) Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s): County Counsel	Referral Lead: Susan Blitch	Board Date: 6/16/26
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:

Analysis Completed By: _____

Date: _____

Department's Recommended Response Timeline

- By requested date
 2 weeks 1 month 6 weeks 6 months
 1 year Other/Specific Date: _____

REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:

Board Item No.:

Referrals List Deletion:

Note: Please cc Claudia Escalante and Karina Bokanovich on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No:

Adopt a resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors by members of the community declaring a commitment to constitutional order.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America (U.S. Constitution) is considered the supreme legal document of the nation and organizes our federal government into a democratic republic, creating a nation such that no person or group is above the law; *and*

WHEREAS, the foundational organizing structure of such government is laid out in Articles 1 through 3 of the U.S. Constitution, comprising 1) the Legislative Branch, 2) the Executive Branch, and 3) the Judicial Branch, such that these three branches comprise a balance of authorities and powers so that no single person, nor group of people, nor single branch of government will attain superseding powers over the other branches of government; *and*

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights grant certain rights and freedoms to the nation's citizenry, and all peoples residing within its boundaries, and among these are the 1st - Freedom of Speech and Assembly, 4th - Protection against illegal search and seizure, and 5th - Due Process of Law; *and*

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, and all employees, of the County of Monterey have sworn an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution to the United States of America; *and*

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of Monterey County residents are foreign-born; *and*

WHEREAS, approximately 67,000 Monterey County residents have an undocumented status; *and*

WHEREAS, many persons being targeted for mass deportation were deemed "essential workers" during the Covid epidemic, putting themselves at risk in order to produce our food, or keep transportation and health care facilities running; *and*

WHEREAS, the current and future economy of Monterey County is jeopardized when fear of detention prevents workers from going to work or students from attending school; *and*

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey adopted resolution number 25-009 reestablishing the County of Monterey as a "Welcoming County for Immigrants and Refugees" and "Declaring the County a Place of Trust and Safety for Immigrants," the County legislative platform includes an section outlining its immigration priorities, and as a result, the Board of Supervisors have passed numerous resolutions in support of our community communities and engaged in extensive State and Federal advocacy efforts to protect the rights and well-being of Monterey County residents; *and*

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch and its appointed administration has repeatedly attempted an unconstitutional consolidation of power through Executive orders and willful misdeeds such as, but not

limited to: demonstrating a pattern of assuming the duties and powers of the Legislative Branch, including the freezing of federal spending approved by Congress, the shuttering of federal agencies without congressional consent, the unilateral declaration of tariffs, and the launching of military strikes in Iran, Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and Venezuela, while threatening Greenland, Colombia, Cuba and Mexico without congressional consent and in violation of Senate-confirmed international treaties; *and*

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch has additionally violated rights, included but not limited to, the infringement of due process rights granted to all persons residing in the United States, including immigrants and refugees; disobeyed court rulings overturning such violations; deployed the military against domestic civilians; threatened and brought illegal deportations; attacked, persecuted, and prosecuted residents based on political views despite guaranteed first amendment rights; unlawfully misused law enforcement and the military for political purposes and intimidation; while additionally unilaterally abusing its power to assault the intent of the Constitution to ensure the domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY DO HEREBY:

1. Reaffirm our individual oaths to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; and
2. Condemn warrantless, masked, and anonymous federal immigration activities and operations which violate due process of citizens, residents and visitors to Monterey Country under the provisions and protections of the Fourth and Fifth amendments of the U.S. Constitution; and
3. Urge all members of the California Federal Congressional delegation, regardless of party affiliation, to reclaim and exercise their lawful authority empowered under Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution, and to demonstrate in all actions that the United States of America has no king; and
4. Continue to support the State of California Attorney General's office to work with the judicial branch of the federal government to restore the separation of powers, to ensure that illegal or unconstitutional acts, including acts of corruption, are overturned; and, to pursue legal action against the federal Executive branch, as necessary and as it has been pursued in the past when the Executive has violated its constitutional duties and assumes powers not authorized to it under Article 2.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2026, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy