

**MOTION**

The impersonation of local or federal agents—particularly individuals claiming to be from agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)—poses a serious and growing threat to public safety, civil rights, and community trust in Los Angeles. This danger is especially important now that the federal government has deployed hundreds of federal agents under the guise of public safety. These individuals who are masked, unbadged, or otherwise fail to identify themselves while exercising force or authority have led to copy-cat individuals and groups that have been impersonating legitimate law enforcement officers, adding to confusion, fear and anxiety across the City.


In many cases, victims are coerced into compliance under the false belief that the impersonator holds legitimate federal or law enforcement power. While impersonating a peace officer is a crime under California Penal Code §538d, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) could be updated to improve the enforcement tools such as fines and penalties that protect residents from fraud, intimidation, and abuse of authority. This update should focus on the intent of the individual impersonating the officer, under the specific circumstances that a reasonable person would interpret that specific action as an official government activity.

The City Council should request a report from the City Attorney, which includes all possible LAMC codes that could be updated should a person be caught impersonating a federal, state, or local law enforcement agent, such as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or LAPD officer. Additionally, the City attorney should report on the City's ability to protect citizens from masked, non-uniformed or otherwise unidentified individuals.

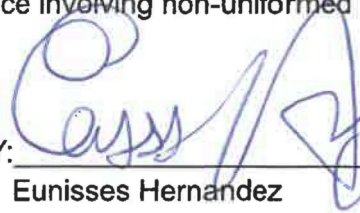
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney to report with options that update and amend relevant sections of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in order to maximize any fines and fees associated with impersonating a federal, state, or local law enforcement agent, to intimidate or harass, threaten individual persons or property, or any other method that could be used by an individual to coerce a person or persons under the false pretense of being a public safety officer.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be REQUESTED to report on the ability for the City to affirm a resident's right to request verifiable identification and legal authority during any detainment, search, or enforcement action, especially in any instance involving non-uniformed or unmarked individuals.


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