

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I will be forwarding this Motion to the DLANC.COM Board President for possible action. I support many small family and immigrant businesses in the Fashion District. Since the ICE raids in the USA began here, Santee Alley's small businesses and the licensed street vendors, even when fully legal, have seen fewer shoppers, tourists, and, to some degree, workers. Some are volunteering time they are hard pressed to find in organizations shown on the open What's APP group "FashionDistrictNeighborhoodWatch", some like myself on Neighborhood Council Committees. If ICE continues to chill the environment, even struggling business owners, even those well over 65 like myself, may need Federal Assistance. I support CouncilMembers' Jurado's motion and would urge the committee to allow not just manual labor, but all work performed for any Public Agency or any subsidiary body to a Public Agency, for example hours of volunteer self-attested work at home for an agency or a Neighborhood Council. The NCM (Neighborhood Council Movement started under the auspices of CouncilMember Joel Wachs in 1993, and meeting at Rosemont Elementary always desired that the NCs have final legislative authority over hyper local matters as 1 Council Person could not easily represent 250,000 or more residents. The idea born in Berkeley in the 1960's was "Stakeholders who share the land". In the Charter Movement that idea got voted down as expensive and possibly hostage to NIMBYism. What have now is a Catch 22. The NCs have no final authority BUY are subject to most of the same protocols and barriers as the City Council. Certainly, at least, all volunteers under ICE should receive the maximum benefits the law will allow. We are a nation of immigrants and the open Borders go back to the mid-1980's under many different Federal Administrations. Maybe crossing illegally deserves a penalty, but mass deportations do not fit the crime of being here 45 years or more and raising a Family. American families need to celebrate Immigration on the weekend of June 6th. 2026, the first anniversary, of the ICE AGE in America, Paul Gamberg Co-Founder Neighborhood Council Movement