

# **Resolution Opposing Medina County Participation in Housing Immigrants Arrested by ICE for Medina County commissioners September 2025**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees due process and equal protection under the law to all persons, regardless of citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has engaged in practices that have been widely criticized by human rights organizations, faith communities, and legal experts as cruel, inhumane, and in some cases unlawful; and

WHEREAS, the federal government bears primary responsibility for immigration enforcement, not local governments, and county participation in detention agreements with ICE risks entangling our community in questionable legal authority and liability; and

WHEREAS, cooperation with ICE detention makes our county complicit in policies that separate families, endanger children, and criminalize individuals who pose no threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, research consistently shows that immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, commit crimes at lower rates than U.S.-born citizens, undercutting claims that detention improves community safety; and

WHEREAS, our community values fairness, justice, and the protection of human dignity, and should not be used to further federal immigration policies that inflict harm; and

## **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Medina County Board of Commissioners that:**

1. The County shall not enter into, renew, or expand contracts or agreements to house immigrants arrested by ICE.
2. The County affirms that local resources and facilities should not be diverted to advance federal immigration enforcement actions that raise serious constitutional, moral, and humanitarian concerns.
3. The County reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all residents, regardless of immigration status, are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect under the law.