

RESOLUTION
of the
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**
regarding
**OPPOSITION TO THE LOCATING OF A UNITED STATES
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
PROCESSING OR DETENTION FACILITY IN
WAREHOUSES WITHIN UNINCORPORATED ORANGE
COUNTY**

Resolution No. 2026-_____

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, *The Washington Post* reported that the federal government had developed a draft solicitation that contemplated seeking private detention contractors to renovate and use industrial warehouses for the processing and detention of individuals held in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody;

WHEREAS, according to the report by *The Washington Post*, draft planning documents described converting industrial warehouses into immigration detention and processing facilities, including smaller “feeder” sites designed to hold approximately 500 to 1,500 people;

WHEREAS, Orange County is both a residential community and a globally recognized visitor destination and the placement of a detention and processing facility would strain limited water, sewer and, municipal services while harming neighborhood quality of life and the County’s international visitor experience and reputation;

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to complying with the laws of the State of Florida and the ordinances of Orange County, including land use and development regulations enacted to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, Orange County and its officials have not been informed by, contacted by, consulted by, or solicited by the federal government regarding any proposal to locate such a facility within Orange County;

WHEREAS, because the federal government has provided no notice, communication, or meaningful engagement regarding the potential conversion of industrial warehouse(s) into a detainee processing and detention facility within unincorporated Orange County or its municipalities, the Board of County Commissioners cannot responsibly evaluate the potential impacts on the community or consider any necessary policy responses;

WHEREAS, prior land use and development approvals for industrial warehouses in unincorporated Orange County were premised, in part, on the limited water, sewer, and service

demands typical of warehouse operations, and therefore may not have evaluated ventilation, temperature control, sanitation, and other infrastructure and service needs associated with sustained human occupancy;

WHEREAS, the conversion of industrial warehouses within Orange County would place unanticipated demands upon Orange County's water, sewer, public safety services, and other public resources in structures and areas not intended for human occupancy;

WHEREAS, a primary objective of Orange County is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents, businesses, workforce, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Orange County expressly opposes the placement of any detainee processing facility within Orange County and finds the County to be an unsuitable location for such a facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby unequivocally and categorically opposes the conversion of any existing industrial warehouse(s) within Orange County for the establishment of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) processing facility or detention facility, and further opposes any facility or operation that bypasses or undermines Orange County's land use and regulatory ordinances or would impose unplanned and unacceptable burdens on the County's infrastructure, public resources, and municipal services.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk