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Media Advisory

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Details:

With yesterday's Superior Court ruling that the California Values Act (also known as SB 54) is unconstitutional, the Huntington Beach Police Department has received many questions, and therefore we would like to issue the following statement:

The Huntington Beach Police Department has, and will continue, to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on matters concerning public safety within the parameters of the law. We pride ourselves on the trust we have built and the relationships we have developed within our community.

There are times when it is appropriate for us as a law enforcement agency to communicate with ICE, a fellow law enforcement agency, to enhance public safety. It is our goal to maintain discretion and have the option to communicate with other law enforcement agencies, and SB 54 limited that discretion. This also helps us maintain local control over our own police department and the interests of our community instead of having to rely on the State Legislature making those decisions for Huntington Beach.

It is important for us to make clear that we have not, and will not, be conducting immigration enforcement in our community. There are times when immigration matters become important to ensuring the safety of our community, but our focus will continue to be overall public safety.

We would like to thank City Attorney Michael Gates and the staff of the City Attorney's Office for their diligent work on this case. We would also like to thank the Huntington Beach City Council for their ongoing support of the men and women of the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Please see the statement below from City Attorney Michael Gates:

The City Attorney's Office is announcing a major legal victory today. In the lawsuit filed in the Orange County Superior Court by the City of Huntington Beach against the State regarding the State's recently enacted Sanctuary State law (City of Huntington Beach v. The State of California [30-2018-00984280](#)) the Superior Court yesterday afternoon announced the Sanctuary State law an unconstitutional invasion of Charter City authority and autonomy. This is a win for the City of Huntington Beach and Charter Cities. City Attorney, Michael Gates, who argued the City's case in court yesterday, said, "I'm very pleased with the court's ruling. This is a significant victory for the rule of law, the CA Constitution, the City's Charter authority, and other Charter Cities. We will continue to hold Sacramento accountable for unconstitutional State law



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overreaches. The City of Huntington Beach will not allow Sacramento to violate its constitutionally protected rights." Mr. Gates can be reached at [\(714\) 458-5591](tel:7144585591) for questions.