



# CITY OF DALY CITY

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### **Daly City Responds to Asian Law Caucus Government Code Claim and Demand for Change in Daly City Police Department Policies**

*Daly City* – On July 29, 2019, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (ALC) filed a Government Code Claim against the City of Daly City on behalf of Mr. Jose Escobar-Lopez. ALC alleges that Daly City violated Mr. Escobar-Lopez's civil rights and State law.

The City is greatly concerned about the community-wide impact of Mr. Escobar-Lopez's incident with the Daly City Police Department. City officials met with Faith in Action and ALC to re-establish trust and assure the safety of our community from unlawful interactions with Federal immigration authorities. At that meeting, the Police Chief, the City Manager, and the City Attorney confirmed staff's commitment to review and revise the Police Department's policies and their explicit alignment with the California Values Act (SB 54). The City will welcome the input from ALC and other immigrant rights advocate groups on the City's updated policy. The commitment to immediate action will include trainings on the updated policies that reflect the California Values Act and the values of the City.

Through the passage of a Resolution on July 22, 2019, the City Council further declared its commitment to respecting the rights of all its community members irrespective of immigration status, and its commitment to ensuring that all City policies and practices fully comply with the California Values Act.

The City assures the community that this was an isolated incident, and that there is no pattern or practice that shows that the Daly City Police Department directly or indirectly enforces immigration law. The City has no comment regarding ALC's Government Code Claim other than that the City will thoroughly and thoughtfully assess the allegations in the claim, and any demands for policy changes or monetary damages.

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