

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago was founded by Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, an immigrant from Haiti, and the City has subsequently welcomed immigrants from around the world;

WHEREAS, since 1985, through executive orders and municipal ordinance, the City of Chicago has prohibited collaboration between city employees, including the Chicago Police Department, and federal civil immigration enforcement, to ensure that city services are accessible to all residents regardless of national origin, immigration status, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in 2003, and its budget has expanded dramatically in recent years, growing from less than \$6 billion in 2015 to approximately \$85 billion over four years during President Trump's second term, making ICE the highest-funded federal law enforcement agency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, communities in Chicago and across the country have experienced aggressive immigration enforcement actions carried out by masked federal agents, including raids, detentions, and family separations, as well as violent repression of protestors, legal observers, journalists, and members of the public through militarized tactics and the use of chemical irritants, tear gas, pepper spray, and rubber bullets; and

WHEREAS, conditions in ICE detention facilities have repeatedly involved severe neglect, inadequate medical care, and abusive treatment of detained individuals; and

WHEREAS, 2025 was the deadliest year in more than two decades for deaths in ICE custody, with at least 32 people dying while detained nationwide, including asylum seekers, long-term U.S. residents, and medically vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have been shot or killed while in ICE custody or during federal immigration enforcement actions include, but are not limited to: Geraldo Lunas Campos, a 55-year-old Cuban immigrant whose death in ICE custody in Texas was classified as a homicide by asphyxia following physical restraint by guards; Silverio Villegas González, a 38-year-old father of two shot and killed by an ICE agent during a traffic stop in Franklin Park, Illinois; Marimar Martinez, a 31-year-old U.S. citizen shot five times by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent in Chicago, Illinois; Renée Good, a 37-year-old unarmed U.S. citizen and mother shot and killed by a federal immigration officer in Minneapolis during an ICE operation; and Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old U.S. citizen fatally shot by a Border Patrol agent in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, independent investigations and civil rights organizations have documented racial and national origin discrimination in ICE enforcement and detention practices, including the disproportionate targeting of Latino, Black, Asian, and other historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, human rights organizations have further documented systemic discrimination, lack of transparency, and routine violations of due process within ICE operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has repeatedly issued inaccurate public narratives regarding immigration enforcement operations that have been contradicted by eyewitness testimony and visual documentation; and

WHEREAS, faith leaders, community organizations, labor unions, human rights advocates, and elected officials nationwide have called for fundamental reforms and increased oversight of the Department of Homeland Security, including the abolition of ICE, due to persistent abuses and the agency's failure to uphold basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the cruel and arbitrary policies and practices that the federal government has imposed on immigrants and refugees that have uprooted them from their families and communities and deprived them of their freedom, security, and livelihood, our country can enact laws and policies that respect the aspirations, struggles, and contributions of immigrants and refugees and enable them to stay, work, gain permanent lawful status, and build futures in this country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council condemns the documented abuses, systemic violence, racial discrimination, and loss of life resulting from ICE and federal immigration enforcement operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council calls on the United States Congress and the President of the United States to abolish ICE and to enact compassionate, transparent immigration enforcement policies grounded in human rights and due process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council calls on the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reimagine and transform our laws and policies to expand legal pathways to come to this country and to gain permanent lawful status and to enable all people and communities in this country to meet their basic needs and to fully exercise their freedoms to stay and establish roots in their communities if they so choose, move throughout the country freely, thrive and to transform as individuals and participants in society; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Chicago delegation to the United States Congress.

Anthony J. Puzosda 35

Ant 26th

33
(25)
46

Michael Polio 22

JB 20

A. V. 40

M. Fadden 49

Jim 48

W. R. 27

Matt 47

Rufus 30

12
Yang 8

6th
beage
God's peopl
alone!!

36th (20)

Lon 28

Ron L. 44

T. K. 43

32

Pat Dowell 3rd

14
32