

**Resolution in Support of Congressional Investigation of Potential Department of Homeland Security
Misconduct**

WHEREAS, in July 2025, U.S Congress gave Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) \$75 billion over four years, approximately \$18.7 billion each year, in addition to the \$10 billion Congress had already budgeted for ICE for 2025, effectively tripling ICE's budget for FY25 from FY24; and

WHEREAS, under the Trump Administration, DHS and other federally deputized agents have used increasingly deceptive, aggressive—and in many instances, unconstitutional—tactics to separate and intimidate immigrant families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, attorneys, nonprofit organizations, and media outlets have reported these agents using brutal tactics to arrest and detain individuals without a judicial warrant and oftentimes without any warrant at all; and

WHEREAS, agents have also engaged in “collateral arrests” that include individuals with lawful work permits, student visas, legal permanent residency, and in some cases, tourists, reporters, and even U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, the data from Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse shows that 70.8% of those held in ICE detention have no criminal conviction according to data current as of September 7, 2025, and many of those convicted committed only minor offenses, including traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, many DHS and other federal agents deputized to perform immigration enforcement have appeared in plain clothes and in unmarked cars without law enforcement insignia, and are in many cases using face coverings and refusing to provide identification while in their official capacity; and

WHEREAS, the use of plain clothes, unmarked cars, and lack of identification has lead to individuals impersonating DHS and other federally deputized agents; and

WHEREAS, in their immigration enforcement efforts in Chicago, arrests have occurred outside schools, on residential blocks, at workplaces and public buildings creating traffic, pedestrian, and other safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, days into President Trump's deployment of hundreds more federal immigration officers to Chicagoland in early September, ICE agents fatally shot thirty-eight-year-old Silverio Villegas Gonzales on September 12, 2025, just outside Chicago in Franklin Park; and

WHEREAS, mere minutes after he had dropped off his children at school, the father of two panicked and began to drive away in his car after being approached by ICE; and

WHEREAS, ICE claimed that although Villegas Gonzales was unarmed and had no criminal record, the agent felt threatened and opened fire; and

WHEREAS, the footage from surrounding surveillance cameras and witness testimonies do not thus far appear to match ICE's claims; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has reportedly asked ICE for details and ICE has shared very few details in response and indicated their unwillingness to share any more information; and

WHEREAS, DHS and other federally deputized agents have engaged in harassment of observers, documenters, and protestors, most notably at the Broadview Customs and Immigration Services processing facility; and

WHEREAS, DHS has gone so far as to egregiously claim that videotaping ICE raids is "violence," which many groups including the American Civil Liberties Union have deemed in conflict with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, abducted Chicagoans are reporting mistreatment, and unsanitary and unsafe conditions at processing and detention facilities used by DHS, including at Broadview; and

WHEREAS, the tactics used by DHS and other federally deputized agents are eroding public trust in government and have undermined the safety and well-being of Chicago residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, we the City Council members, on behalf of the 2.7 million residents of City of Chicago, denounce the increasingly deceptive and aggressive tactics of DHS and other federally deputized agents at the behest of President Trump and call for the Illinois Congressional delegation to demand an investigation into every single instance of potential misconduct by DHS and other federally deputized agents in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, we the City Council members, call for the City of Chicago to identify and pursue all legal, legislative and operational means to resist coordinated efforts from the federal government to erode deeply held rights, including those won in the United States Constitutional Amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City Council requests official communication of interactions related to immigration enforcement that occur within City buildings, on City property, or with City staff from all City departments and offices including all buildings, property and staff that are delegate agencies or outside vendors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the Illinois Congressional delegation.



ANDRE VASQUEZ
Alderperson, 40th Ward

The following letter is being circulated by Alderperson Andre Vasquez, Ward 40 regarding Congressional DHS Oversight Resolution co-signed by:

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