

RESOLUTION NO. M-2694

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, CALLING FOR AN END TO DANGEROUS VIOLENT TACTICS USED BY ICE AND CBP IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND DEMANDING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND CALLING ON CONGRESS TO WITHHOLD ANY FUNDING FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WITHOUT MEANINGFUL AND SIGNIFICANT GUARDRAILS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration’s dangerous and violent tactics used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) in immigration enforcement is eroding the constitutional rights of all persons in the State of Minnesota, and in the United States of America, and is endangering residents to be secure in their homes from unlawful searches and seizures without judicial warrant as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution by such agents misrepresenting civil nonjudicial, administrative warrants as authorizing entry to search and seize persons; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council hereby declares its solidarity with residents of the states of Minnesota, California, Illinois, and Oregon, among others, who have been subject to the increasingly dangerous and violent tactics employed by ICE and CBP as they engaged in unprovoked violence against lawful protesters, and who have responded to such protests with violence, excessively using force, including in some cases killing citizens of the United States of America, and deploying chemical agents to disperse lawful protests against such activities, thus violating the First Amendment rights of people to free speech and to redress grievances against their government; and

WHEREAS, in multiple cities, agents of ICE and CBP have violently arrested civilians, including United States citizens, and have deployed chemical agents in residential areas without warning, causing fear and distress to school children and local law enforcement. From September 2025 through January 2026, immigration agents have shot at least nine persons, including three who died as a result: Alex Pretti, a United States citizen and an ICU nurse at a Veterans Administration hospital in Minneapolis, Renee Good, a United States citizen and mother of three in Minneapolis, and Silverio Villegas González, a father of two in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has refused to partner and include state and local law enforcement in the investigations and evidence involving shooting deaths by federal agents resulting in a disturbing loss of transparency, independence, and accountability into these homicides, but has through Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem, quickly labeled such victims “domestic terrorists” as justification for the killings by federal agents; and

WHEREAS, immigration agents have terrorized and abducted students on their way to and from school, used chemical agents on students and staff on school grounds, leading to children being afraid to attend school, which is a right guaranteed to all students under state constitutions and laws in all fifty states; and

WHEREAS, the federal immigration system is a civil system not a criminal system, and immigration detention is intended to be a non-punitive system. Federal agents of ICE and CBP have denied migrants

due process rights under the United States Constitution by deporting such persons without judicial or administrative hearings, or other due process, and in many cases, contrary to orders issued by United States District Court judges, or where such persons had lawfully entered the United States of America pursuant to federal laws and programs, or seeking protection by asylum, or are lawfully awaiting administrative immigration court hearings or proceedings, resulting in fear such persons to even attend scheduled immigration hearings. Such deportations have been to countries not of the deportee's origin. Certain deportations have been to a maximum security prison in El Salvador, without any adjudication the deportee committed a crime by a United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, conditions in immigration detention facilities are rapidly deteriorating with dangerous overcrowding and detained persons and their advocates reporting medical neglect, substandard food, inadequate access to clean water, and overuse of solitary confinement. Detained persons are held without bond or other means of release for indeterminate amounts of time until released or deported. These detentions are occurring in situations where the persons detained have committed no crime in the United States or in their country of origin; and

WHEREAS, about ninety percent of people being detained are in for-profit facilities, which have a long record of cutting corners on essential services to reap profits. Since President Donald Trump took office on January 20, 2025, an unprecedented 37 people have died in the custody of ICE, including several deaths that may have been preventable; and

WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OBBA) gave ICE and CBP \$170 billion for anti-immigration enforcement, detention, and deportation at the expense of urgent needs in the City of Olympia and other American communities for housing, economic development, and healthcare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council calls for an end to immigration deployments and surges by ICE and CBP in cities across the United States of America. Such immigration efforts by DHS through ICE and CBP have caused fear and distress in the communities where they have occurred, and have undermined public safety resulting in needless deaths and injuries. The excessive and violent tactics used by ICE and CBP must stop in the interests of public safety.
2. The Olympia City Council calls on the United States Congress not to provide any additional funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) without including meaningful and significant guardrails to rein in and control how DHS operates evidenced by homicides committed by federal agents against American citizens in American communities.
3. The Olympia City Council calls on the United States Congress to make deep and meaningful cuts to the \$170 billion in funding given to DHS in the OBBA and redirect those funds to urgent needs like housing and healthcare.
4. The Olympia City Council calls on Congress to deliberate a plan to restructure DHS to bring accountability to this sprawling federal agency to ensure that the Department's essential national security and public safety functions, including cyber security and emergency management, can be separated from immigration enforcement, and to completely rebuild immigration enforcement agencies from the ground up to stop the culture of lawlessness and ensure guardrails and public accountability.

5. The Olympia City Council expresses its support for guardrails to be included in any funding bill for DHS to include the following:
 - a. End lawless enforcement by requiring DHS through ICE, and CBP to obtain a judicial warrant for entry into homes or businesses to conduct a search or seize a person or evidence, and to stop misrepresenting civil administrative warrants as giving such permission or authority to federal agents.
 - b. Immediately stop using masked agents for immigration enforcement actions.
 - c. Stop the targeting of people based on their race, language or accent, place of employment, or location at time of apprehension, and support congressional legislation prohibiting such profiling.
 - d. Prohibition of immigration enforcement at sensitive locations like child daycare facilities, pre-schools, school properties, houses of worship, and hospitals or healthcare facilities.
 - e. An end to detention abuses by stopping use of private, for-profit detention facilities by prohibiting funding for facilities that threaten the health, safety, or due process rights of detained people, and restoring access to bond hearings and release to prevent detainees from languishing in detention facilities.
 - f. Prohibit the deportation by DHS of any person in the absence of a judicial court order, except consensual self-deportation.
 - g. Preserve the ability of local and state jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute potential crimes and use of excessive force incidents involving state residents and federal agents, and require that evidence is preserved and shared with local jurisdictions.
 - h. Require the consent of States and localities to conduct large scale federal operations outside of targeted immigration enforcement.

6. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Washington state congressional delegation.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 24th day of February 2026.



 MAYOR

ATTEST:

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 CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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