

# CONSENT ITEM – 8L



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**DATE:** February 9, 2026  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Jessica Jagoe, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** City Statement regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> N/A	<b>Estimated Amount:</b> N/A	<b>Funding Source:</b> N/A
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## **Council Should Consider**

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Statement regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities.

## **Background**

At the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting, the City Council approved a statement on Immigration Activities. Since that time, federal immigration enforcement has increased in our community resulting in concerns for the safety of immigrants and human rights.

At the January 31<sup>st</sup>, Special Work Session, the City Council directed staff to prepare an updated statement reflective of current concerns on federal immigration enforcement. Staff was given direction to forward draft language to the City Council for consideration prior to approval at a Council meeting. Following that meeting, a draft statement was routed to Council for comment. Based on the comments received, staff revised the language and is bringing forward a draft statement reflective of Council feedback.

*The City of Arden Hills has heard from many residents and the business community that the increased level of immigration enforcement agents has created fear across our community. Our vision has a goal to enhance the health, safety, and well-being of all who live, work, and play in the City. At the core of that value is ensuring that everyone who enjoys our community feels safe.*

*We stand with our residents, our faith leaders, our educators, our businesses, and the countless community members who are acting every day to respond to these federal actions with courage and compassion. Arden Hills is committed to being a community where everyone feels safe and welcomed, regardless of immigration status. If you feel unsafe in any situation or have public safety concerns, call 9-1-1.*

*We commit to sharing accurate information, providing links to trusted support services, and standing alongside all those who are impacted. We unequivocally condemn the unconstitutional actions taking place in Arden Hills, Minnesota, and across the nation. We cannot decide federal policy, but we can choose how we respond. The City cannot and will not enforce civil immigration laws. The City will ensure that the proper authority – such as a judicial warrant – is provided to the City prior to the allowance of access to nonpublic spaces in a city building or nonpublic data.*

*Your City Council and city leadership will continue to be active in community conversations to work on your behalf to ensure everyone feels safe.*

*To learn more about immigration status and rights and find additional resources, visit the City's website at [Immigration Resources](#).*

**Budget Impact**

N/A

**Attachments**

N/A