

CONSENT ITEM – 8M



DATE: February 9, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Kori Land, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Federal Immigration Enforcement Proclamation

Budgeted Amount:
N/A

Actual Amount:
N/A

Funding Source:
N/A

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Proclamation denouncing ICE enforcement activities and authorization for Mayor to send a letter to federal legislators

Discussion

At the Special City Council Worksession on January 31 members of the public raised many suggestions to address the aggressive enforcement activity of ICE. One of the suggestions was that the Mayor send a letter asking Governor Walz to issue an executive order imposing an eviction moratorium, which the Council requested be placed on the Feb. 9 agenda. After additional consideration, it was suggested that this item could be discussed as part of the upcoming Special Council Worksession, along with the other ideas that were raised.

A different avenue to voice awareness at higher levels is for the Council to make a Proclamation that outlines the Council’s concerns with ICE enforcement activities. Such a statement will make the City Council’s position clear to the public. The Proclamation can also authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the federal Minnesota legislators demanding that they take action to prevent the current type of ICE activities. This direct communication sends a message to the people who represent you in Washington D.C. and who stand in the best position and power to actually do something about ICE.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachments

Attachment A – Proclamation
Attachment B – Mayor’s Letter