

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to pass the ICE OUT Act.

We are currently facing an unprecedented assault from our Federal Government on all fronts. ICE is not operating as law enforcement, but as an agency that has been weaponized to terrorize immigrant communities and punish blue states and counties. These agents are not abiding by the law, they are abusive and violent and take people indiscriminately regardless of their status or whether they have a criminal record.

Make no mistake, they are not only putting people in detention centers and keeping them in a system that has little to no oversight and where the detainees suffer from inhumane treatment, they are profiting from this. Reports have shown that detainees are being denied food, water, medicine and are housed in unsanitary and cruel conditions. There have even been many unexplained deaths.

The fact that they are using private prisons and receiving donations from the companies benefiting is another sign of the rampant corruption we are seeing from this administration. All at the expense of the safety and well being of the people who live here. We should take no part in this. Please pass this bill to protect our county.

Thank you,