

From: [Nina Turner](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Cc: [Nina Turner](#)
Subject: Request for Immediate Passage of a Separation Ordinance in Saint Paul
Date: Friday, January 23, 2026 2:33:09 PM

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Dear Members of the Saint Paul City Council / Governor Walz:

My name is Nina Turner. I am a Saint Paul native, a property owner, and a longtime small business owner who has invested my life, my work, and my resources into this city. Saint Paul is not just where I do business — it is my home, and it is where my family and community live.

I am writing because what I am seeing and hearing in our neighborhoods right now is deeply concerning. Families are afraid to leave their homes. Parents are afraid to take their children to daycare. People are avoiding hospitals, grocery stores, and public spaces out of fear. This level of anxiety is destabilizing our community and eroding trust in basic civic life.

I understand that policymaking carries legal risk. As a property and business owner, I deal with regulations, compliance, and liability regularly. I understand that any meaningful action may be challenged and may require revision. But leadership requires acting even when the legal terrain is complicated.

Waiting for a perfect ordinance is not a neutral choice. Every day of inaction has real consequences for real people.

I am asking you to pass a Separation Ordinance immediately that establishes clear boundaries between local institutions and federal enforcement actions, including:

- Requiring federal agents to be clearly identifiable and unmasked
- Requiring visible name and badge identification
- Prohibiting federal enforcement activity in hospitals, schools, daycares, grocery stores, and other locations essential to daily life

These measures are about safety, accountability, and basic human dignity. They are not about obstructing the law — they are about protecting the people who make this city function.

I recognize the importance of the recent eviction moratorium in Saint Paul. That was a meaningful step. But it does not address the immediate fear and instability spreading through our neighborhoods. Our city needs additional protections now.

If this ordinance must be amended later, then amend it later. If it is challenged in court, then defend it. If it evolves over time, that is the normal course of governance.

But please do not delay action while families continue to live in fear.

Saint Paul has always prided itself on being a city that values fairness, community, and care for the most vulnerable. This is a moment to live up to those values.

Respectfully,

Nina Turner
Saint Paul Native
Property Owner & Business Owner
611 Grand Ave, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

From: [Mattie DeHaven](#)
To: [#CI-StPaul_Council](#)
Subject: ICE in our community
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 5:41:14 PM

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Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

I am writing to express my deep concern about the presence of Immigration Customs and Enforcement and Border Control agents in our community.

As an educator on the West side of Saint Paul, I fear every day for my students and their families. I watch as community members come together in the cold, dark of morning to help students get into school safely, and as they return in the afternoons to watch over our dismissal. I see the faces of my students participating in virtual learning over an iPad when I should be seeing their faces in person at our school. I feel the anxiety radiating off of my coworkers and friends as we attempt to protect our community, but know that it is a very real possibility that we will be gunned down for doing so.

I am asking you, city council, to use the power that you have to put a stop to the violence and terror that has taken over our community. Allow our kids to come back to school, allow our businesses to flourish, and protect the sacred right to stand up for what you believe in without fearing for your life.

This is not right.

Sincerely,

Mattie DeHaven
she/her/hers

From: [Olive Weston](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Comment: support for Ord 26-5
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:53:31 AM

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I am a Ward 4 resident writing in support of Ord 26-5.

We must make St. Paul a welcoming and safe space. City owned spaces allowing federal immigration enforcement activity will only make everyone feel unsafe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Olive Weston

From: [Wendy Larson](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: City council meeting 1/28
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:34:45 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Como. I am writing to urge you to support a strong eviction moratorium and policies that prohibit ICE activity on city-owned properties, including parks.

Housing stability is essential for our vulnerable neighbors and their families. Evictions destabilize families, increase homelessness, and disproportionately harm low-income residents and communities of color. A robust eviction moratorium is a necessary step to keep our neighbors housed and our city stable through this crisis!

Additionally, city properties should be safe and accessible for ALL residents. Allowing ICE enforcement on city land—including parks—creates fear, discourages people from accessing public spaces and services, and undermines trust in local government. Our city should not be complicit in federal immigration enforcement that harms families of minority groups and divides our community.

I respectfully ask you to support policies that protect tenants and ensure city spaces remain safe, welcoming, and free from ICE enforcement.

Please listen to what your community is telling you and give some peace of mind to all residents of St. Paul, no matter their income level or the color of their skin. We need you to stand with us in this fight against injustice.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Wendy Larson

From: [Elsie Porter](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Ord 26-5 hearing on 1/28
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:24:52 AM

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Hello,

I am writing this email to ask you to please approve the proposed changes to city ordinance 26-5 that would prohibit law enforcement (including ICE) from staging on city property. What ICE is doing in our state is disgusting and the city of St Paul needs to do all it can to protect its citizens.

Thank you

From: [Rebecca Homard](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#); [#CI-StPaul_Ward7](#); [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](#); [#CI-StPaul_Ward5](#)
Subject: Request for Urgent Passage of a Stronger Separation Ordinance in Saint Paul
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:46:44 AM

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Council President, Council Vice President, and Council Members:

My name is Rebecca Homard and I live at 1101 Beech St in Dayton's Bluff, Ward 7. I write to you today as a mom of a 7th month old who goes to daycare, a wife whose spouse works in public-facing retail, a friend of folks who are different races than I, and a neighbor in one of the most wonderfully diverse neighborhoods in our beautiful city.

I am firmly in support of a strong separation ordinance that helps protect our family, friends, neighbors, and children from the brutal violence inflicted upon our city by ICE. This ordinance **must** be enacted as quickly as possible.

With every passing day, more and more community members are being assaulted, harassed, traumatized, murdered, and abducted from their homes, from their families, and from our community.

I am enraged and heartbroken because of the way that our community members, regardless of race or citizenship, are being treated. In the last week in the Twin Cities metro area, multiple children ages 4 and older have been abducted, and another person (Alex Pretti, a VA ICU nurse) was murdered in cold blood by ICE agents.

We can't let that happen here.

Please pass a separation ordinance as quickly as due process will allow, with the following requirements:

- Requiring federal agents to be clearly identifiable and unmasked
- Requiring visible name and badge identification
- Prohibiting federal enforcement activity in or 500 ft around hospitals, schools, daycares, grocery stores, laundromats, and other locations essential to daily life

We need to pass a stronger separation ordinance with urgency, so our loved ones will be better protected from the ICE that has been freezing our city with fear.

Thank you,

Rebecca Homard

She/Her

Ward 7

From: [Ginny Bernhagen](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: 1/28 council meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:28:38 AM

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Good morning, I am writing today as a constituent living in Ward 5, Como Park, to express my support for ORD 26-5 to prohibit federal law enforcement staging on city owned property. I'm sure you're well aware of how this occupation is affecting residents, and anything we can do to stand up to this massive overreach is greatly appreciated. We do NOT want ICE using our beautiful parks to stage for their horrific actions. We have already seen peaceful observer neighbors abducted from a park parking lot where they are staging and want to prevent similar issues in the future.

Additionally, I want to express my support for a temporary eviction moratorium. A lot of our neighbors are too afraid to go to work, and while the community is putting together mutual aid to help, our government should be stepping in to do its part as well. The last thing any of these communities need is a surge in folks losing their homes because they are under siege.

Thank you,
Ginny Bernhagen, ward 5

From: christaandpaul@juno.com
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: abduction of mutual aid worker at Hallie Q Brown
Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 9:08:48 AM

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Dear Councilmembers--

I appreciate the movement the Council has taken to strengthen a Separation Ordinance for St. Paul.

My understanding is that the S.O. will not be in effect until March. If this is true, I feel there must be a way to expedite under the circumstances.

While we allow delay, ICE used city property for the purpose of abduction yesterday. In this case, Thao Xiong--a volunteer food shelf and Mutual Aid worker--who is heard on video saying, "I showed them my papers already". As of this moment, I know nothing of his whereabouts.

My apologies in advance if there are aspects of this situation I am getting wrong or don't understand.

I am willing to speak out regardless of full understanding, because again & again I hear people say that no one is coming to save us, and it is a painful truth to swallow. As long as people are being detained/ deported illegally I must speak out. And I still hold that: those in elected positions have the duty--along with us common citizens--to do what is legally in our power to do. If you have the power to expedite a strengthened separation ordinance, then I respectfully urge you to do so.

Sincerely,
Christa Ernst
St.Paul

From: [Joe Thornton](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Comments -
Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 10:17:06 AM

Regarding this plan to artificially place requirements on federal agents. While I agree that Minnesota law enforcement agencies should (and do) follow a process to have identifying information on them while on duty, the city of St. Paul (or the state for that matter) legitimately has ZERO ability to enact policies for federal law enforcement agencies.

The theater that the St. Paul City Council is doing right now is for show only. The City Council has no legal basis on which to stand on this particular matter.

I do think they (federal law enforcement officers) should have some sort of identifier information on their uniforms, such as their official number. (local law enforcement can change to a numeric identifier when responding to certain things like riots). **But that is a congressional matter** - not one for the city of St. Paul.

Please focus your energy on City of St. Paul matters, such as reducing tax burdens, encouraging business investment in downtown, etc. We have enough problems to solve for in St. Paul. Stay in your lane and do good for the people and businesses of St. Paul.

Encourage Betty McCollum to take this issue up at the federal level where it belongs.

From: [Birch Hansen](#)
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Subject: Reject the Homan offer and protect our community trust
Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026 6:34:35 PM

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Local Officials and County Sheriffs of Minnesota

I am writing to you as someone who calls Minnesota home, a place we pride ourselves on being One Minnesota. This week, we heard Border Czar Tom Homan speak in Minneapolis, essentially offering a deal. If our county jails start doing the federal government's job for them, he will consider scaling back the thousands of federal agents currently on our streets.

I am writing to urge you to say **no**. The drawdown he is offering is not a peace treaty; it is a shakedown. Here is why we cannot afford to take this deal:

1. It Breaks the Bond of Public Safety

When our local police and jail staff start acting like ICE agents, our neighbors stop calling 911. If a victim of domestic violence or a witness to a robbery is afraid that a trip to the local precinct will end in a deportation flight, they stay silent. That makes **everyone** less safe. We need our local law enforcement to focus on solving local crimes, not checking papers.

2. We are a Sanctuary State for a Reason

Minnesota has stood firm on being a sanctuary state because we believe in clear boundaries. Our state and local resources, your budget and your staff, should be used for the priorities of Minnesotans, not to subsidize a federal surge that has already caused immense fear and trauma in our communities.

3. It is a Legal Minefield

Honoring detainers (requests to hold someone past their release date without a warrant) is a fast track to a lawsuit. Courts have repeatedly found that holding people without a judicial warrant violates the Fourth Amendment. When the lawsuits come, the federal government will not be the one paying the settlements, our local taxpayers will.

4. Coercion is Not Cooperation

Mr. Homan mentioned zero tolerance and suggested that federal presence depends on our compliance. True public safety is built on trust and the law, not on threats or political leverage. Trading the rights of our immigrant neighbors for a promise that

federal agents might leave is a bad deal that undermines our values.

Minnesota has always been a place where we look out for one another, regardless of where we were born. Let us keep it that way. I ask you to stand by our sanctuary policies, protect our community trust, and reject any offer that turns our local jails into extensions of federal immigration enforcement.

Sincerely,

Birch Hansen

A Minnesota Resident

From: [Lucy Eggers](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: ICE Safety issues
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:14:54 AM

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Hello I am writing to implore the council to act on a number of matters

1. Moratorium on rent, with businesses being impacted by ice and employees being scared to go to work I think this would be crucial to giving people a piece of mind and keeping citizens with a warm and safe place over there head. Until it is safe for work to resume as usual.
2. Please pass a separation ordinance preventing ice from staging/operating on public property/city lands. People should not have to fear getting kidnapped picking kids up from school or going to work/doing errands. This would help protect those people.
3. Remove liquor licenses from hotels housing ICE. A show of force that we do not tolerate these militant tactics from the federal government would go a long way.

Overall I urge the council to work quickly, boldly and bravely to protect its consitutents from this ice occupations. We the citizens have disrupted our lives in ways to help close gaps and support each other. I hope y'all will do the same.

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