

Medford City Council Medford, Massachusetts

Public Health and Community Safety Committee, October 8, 2025

City Council

Emily Lazzaro, Chair Justin Tseng, Vice Chair Anna Callahan Kit Collins Matt Leming

This meeting will take place at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA and via Zoom.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

25-138 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Resolution to Hold Immigration Enforcement Accountable to Medford Residents

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Resolution to Assist Medford Residents in Accessing Social Services

Adjournment



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AGENDA ITEM

25-138 - Resolution to Hold Immigration Enforcement Accountable to Medford Residents

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas there have been numerous Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids in Medford over the past several months, disrupting the peace in Medford and ripping apart Medford families, and;

Whereas it is clear that the Medford community shows up to care for its neighbors when they are in need, now therefore,

Be it resolved that the Medford City Council hold a meeting in the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety to discuss methods to protect dependents of Medford residents who have been abducted and/or deported by federal immigration enforcement officers.

Be it further resolved that the Committee discuss issuing Freedom of Information Act requests to Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon receiving knowledge of the arrest and detention of any Medford resident.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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25-139 - Resolution to Assist Medford Residents in Accessing Social Services

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas the federal government has been summarily cutting important social services like Medicare and Medicaid, the section 8 housing voucher program amid record homelessness, and food assistance for hungry families, be it resolved that the Medford City Council hold a meeting in the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety to discuss methods whereby the City can protect vulnerable residents and residents can access other services via local, state, and nonprofit sources to get the help they need.

Be it further resolved that members of the Health Department be invited to that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None