

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 24, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Tregub (cosponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (cosponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (cosponsor)

Subject: Resolution Urging Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to Enact an Eviction Moratorium to Prevent Displacement During the Ongoing ICE/CBP Terror Campaign

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution urging Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to enact an eviction moratorium to prevent displacement during the ongoing ICE/CBP terror campaign.

BACKGROUND

The Minneapolis and Saint Paul region is currently experiencing the largest immigration operation by the Department of Homeland Security in the nation's history, with the Trump administration claiming to have sent over 2,000 agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and other federal agencies to Minnesota. The federal government's campaign of discriminatory mass deportation has inflicted terror nationwide, with the Trump administration's fixation on Minneapolis cruelly targeting that community with harassment, intimidation, and violence. Minnesota residents have experienced and documented countless instances of federal agents targeting and harassing residents based on the color of their skin, regardless of immigration status. Federal agents have been escalating violence against legal observers and community members protecting their neighbors, including Renée Nicole Good, who was killed by an ICE agent on January 7, 2026, and Alex Jeffrey Pretti, who was killed by a CBP agent on January 24, 2026. Federal tactics have included the abduction of toddlers, attempting to trap people with offers of food assistance, and threats and attacks on people with disabilities.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

These threatening and violent attacks on Minneapolis residents have occurred in public spaces including schools, streets, hospitals, sidewalks, grocery stores, places of worship, and bus stops. As a result, many residents are unable to move freely due to the threat of harassment, violence, and abduction, forcing them to shelter-in place and impacting their ability to work and provide for their families. These economic impacts of the federal government's attacks on their communities have caused many families to grapple with the fear of eviction due to an inability to safely go to work, in addition to the ongoing threat of violence and abduction.

On January 15, 2026, the Minneapolis City Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution urging Governor Walz to enact an eviction moratorium to protect residents who have been harmed by the federal government's unprecedented attacks and to provide financial assistance to impacted cities to begin the significant recovery efforts. On January 21, 2026, the Saint Paul City Council joined Minneapolis and unanimously adopted a similar resolution. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Walz issued Executive Orders 20-14, 20-73, and 20-79, which imposed an eviction moratorium and gave residents statewide a lifeline and protection during an unprecedented national crisis. Residents in Minnesota, particularly in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, are once again experiencing unprecedented danger and are vulnerable to becoming displaced and homeless without government intervention, increasing their vulnerability to violence and abduction by the Trump administration.

On January 23, 2026, the 4 x 4 Joint Task Force on Housing of the City of Berkeley unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the calls for Governor Walz to enact an eviction moratorium following a request from members of the Minneapolis City Council for elected bodies around the country to support their efforts. Moreover, on January 27, 2026, the Berkeley City Council unanimously passed a resolution *Demanding an End to ICE and CBP Surges in Minneapolis and Across the Country, Immediate DHS Leadership Changes, and Necessary Guardrails for any Future Funding Bill for DHS*. This resolution condemned ICE and CBP's lawless Operation Metro Surge in Minneapolis, made Berkeley the first city in the nation to formally call for the abolition of ICE, and expressed the Berkeley City Council's solidarity with "all the people of Minnesota who are peacefully protesting the lawless surge of ICE and CBP agents in their state, which is undermining public safety, harming and killing local residents, and taking an immense economic and psychological toll on residents."

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No anticipated impacts.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No anticipated impacts.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

WHEREAS, the federal government's campaign of discriminatory mass deportation has inflicted terror nationwide, with the Trump administration's fixation on Minneapolis cruelly targeting that community with harassment, intimidation, and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis and Saint Paul region is currently experiencing the largest immigration operation by the Department of Homeland Security in the nation's history, with the Trump administration claiming to have sent over 2,000 agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and other federal agencies to Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota residents have experienced and documented countless instances of federal agents targeting and harassing residents based on the color of their skin, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, federal agents have been escalating violence against legal observers and community members protecting their neighbors, including Renée Nicole Good, who was killed by an ICE agent on January 7, 2026, and Alex Jeffrey Pretti, who was killed by a CBP agent on January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, federal tactics have included the abduction of toddlers, attempting to trap people with offers of food assistance, and threats and attacks on people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, these threatening and violent attacks on Minneapolis residents have occurred in public spaces including schools, streets, hospitals, sidewalks, grocery stores, places of worship, and bus stops. As a result, many residents are unable to move freely due to the threat of harassment, violence, and abduction, forcing them to shelter-in place and impacting their ability to work and provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, these economic impacts of the federal government's attacks on their communities have caused many families to grapple with the fear of eviction due to an inability to safely go to work, in addition to the ongoing threat of violence and abduction; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Walz issued Executive Orders 20-14, 20-73, and 20-79, which imposed an eviction moratorium and gave residents statewide a lifeline and protection during an unprecedented national crisis; and

WHEREAS, residents in Minnesota, particularly in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, are once again experiencing unprecedented danger and are vulnerable to becoming displaced and homeless without government intervention, increasing their vulnerability to violence and abduction by the Trump administration; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026, the Minneapolis City Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution urging Governor Walz to enact an eviction moratorium to protect residents who have been harmed by the federal government's unprecedented attacks and to provide financial assistance to impacted cities to begin the significant recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, the Saint Paul City Council joined Minneapolis and unanimously adopted a similar resolution; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2026, the 4 x 4 Joint Task Force on Housing of the City of Berkeley unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the calls for Governor Walz to enact an eviction moratorium following a request from members of the Minneapolis City Council for elected bodies around the country to support their efforts. and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2026, the Berkeley City Council unanimously passed a resolution *Demanding an End to ICE and CBP Surges in Minneapolis and Across the Country, Immediate DHS Leadership Changes, and Necessary Guardrails for any Future Funding Bill for DHS*, which, among other things, made Berkeley the first city in the nation to formally call for the abolition of ICE and expressed the Berkeley City Council's solidarity with "all the people of Minnesota who are peacefully protesting the lawless surge of ICE and CBP agents in their state, which is undermining public safety, harming and killing local residents, and taking an immense economic and psychological toll on residents."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council condemns the Trump administration's illegal and immoral assault on the people of Minnesota and demands the immediate withdrawal all federal agents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council supports Minneapolis and Saint Paul in their call for an eviction moratorium to protect vulnerable residents unable to attend work for fear of abduction and calls on Governor Walz to take immediate action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council is committed to continuing its efforts to develop plans and policies to prepare Berkeley for the possibility of federal immigration action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk will send copies of this resolution to MN Governor Tim Walz, MN Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, MN Attorney General Keith Ellison, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, St. Paul Mayor Kaohly Her, the City Councils of the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.