



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM

26-017 - Resolution to Condemn Killing of Nicole Renee Good by ICE and Reaffirm Constitutional Rights of Residents

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, on January 7, 2026, Renee Nicole Good was bystander to an action by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minneapolis, tried to leave the scene, and was shot in her car by ICE officer, Jonathan Ross; and

Whereas, Medford residents have observed and recorded ICE operations, as they have right to under the laws of this Country, Commonwealth, and City; and

Whereas, it is the duty of Medford local government and law enforcement to protect the safety and well-being of Medford residents; and

Whereas, there is no legal code or precedent known to the Medford City Council that prohibits local law enforcement from intervening against agents, be they local, State, or Federal, engaged in unlawful behaviors, especially those which put residents in danger; now therefore:

Be it Resolved, that the Medford City Council condemns the killing of Renee Nicole Good by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer in Minneapolis on January 7, 2026, and expresses its deep concern over the loss of life and the circumstances surrounding this incident; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Medford City Council reaffirms the fundamental rights of residents to peacefully protest and to observe and document law enforcement activity, including the conduct of federal immigration officers, consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is directed to work with the City Administration and local law enforcement to review and develop strategies,

protocols, and responses that protect residents' rights to peaceful protest and lawful observation and preserve public safety and community trust; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is directed to work with the City Administration and local law enforcement to develop and articulate to the public a clear policy governing responses to active ICE actions within the City of Medford, that prioritizes resident safety, security, and rights over untested, unsupported, or otherwise ambiguous and uncertain interpretations of law; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is further directed to engage with community groups, residents, and relevant advocacy organizations to identify best practices and preventative measures to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the City of Medford.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None