



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

September 15, 2026

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AGENDA ITEM

26-156 - Resolution Calling for the Immediate Release of Medford Resident Vijay D'Souza from ICE Detention in Atlanta

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS Vijay D'Souza, a Medford resident and longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Medford, was detained by ICE on a return flight to Boston in the Atlanta Airport on August 29th, 2026;

WHEREAS Mr. D'Souza had been actively working with an attorney on a green card application at the time of his detention;

WHEREAS No information about the reasons for this detention were given to his wife, who has been working with an attorney on his release;

WHEREAS This detention has caused a great deal of distress to Mr. D'Souza's family, who continues to fight for his release; the First Baptist Church of Medford, who spearheaded a letter-writing campaign on his behalf; and the Medford community in general, who has been greatly distressed by the latest of many unlawful abductions by ICE in and around our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Medford City Council offer the highest possible endorsement for the release of Mr. D'Souza and allow him to continue with his green card process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we condemn these acts and recognize the continued harm and fear that they inflict on our city and country.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None