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COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director
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THRU: Council Member James Tate, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: 01/08/2025

RE: ICE and Local Policy

On January 7th in Minneapolis, Minnesota, masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers aggressively approached, shot, and killed 37-year-old US citizen Renee Nicole Good.

Aggressive and hostile means have been deployed by ICE across the country. This is the 9th ICE shooting since September. Major cities (such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia) have moved to enact local policies to protect immigrant communities.

The City of Detroit needs to enact and enforce such policies that can protect Detroiters from preventable suffering and death at the hands of the federal government. On behalf of myself and Pro Tem Young, we are seeking answers to the following:

1. How can the City ban or limit ICE operations within the City of Detroit?
2. How can the City ban or limit ICE operations on City property?
3. How can the City ban or limit ICE operations in and around sensitive areas such as schools, clinics, hospitals and places of worship?
4. How can the City ban or limit ICE operations in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department?
5. What sanctuary city policies does Detroit lack that other major cities have?

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Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison