

Madalyn Letellier

From: Crystal Huff [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:34 PM
To: All City Council; City Clerk Contact; Mayor; Public Comments
Subject: Renewal of Eviction Moratorium

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Dear Somerville City Council, Mayor Wilson, and beloved city staffers,

So many of our neighbors are impacted by ICE kidnappings and violence. ICE has made it unsafe for remaining immigrants to go to work, school, or go about daily life. This has knock-on financial effects for people in Somerville regardless of immigration status, although obviously it is vital to protect our immigrant neighbors in this chaotic time. Many of my neighbors are unable to make rent this winter, and it's unsafe for them to relocate (even if they had other safe housing options).

I suggest that Somerville put a new eviction moratorium in place, as elected officials are preparing to do in Minnesota, until such time as we can guarantee that ICE will not be able to kidnap any more people from Massachusetts streets.

Particularly since we are entering a time of budgetary input in Somerville, now seems like a great time to have this discussion and make plans to back our moral commitments with our money. Adding to the budgets of the Office of Housing Stability, Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs, and food security work in the city seems only sensible, as part of this effort.

I look forward to seeing y'all next week at the finance and council meetings.

Best,

Crystal M. Huff

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From: Amy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 9:06 AM
To: Madalyn Letellier
Cc: Public Comments
Subject: Re: Action Needed: Protect us from ICE

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Thanks Madalyn. Here you go:

Somerville City Council, Mayor Wilson, and city staffers,

I live just blocks away from where Rümeyşa Öztürk was kidnapped in broad daylight by six plainclothes ICE agents and flown to a detention center in another state. It's painfully clear that as long as ICE is roaming our streets, none of us are safe.

In 2026, statements and four letter words are not enough. As your constituent, I demand bold, unapologetic action to protect our community, especially our neighbors most at risk of ICE's violence.

As you meet for public comment on the budget, I urge you to take the following actions:

- Put an eviction moratorium in place, as officials in Minnesota are preparing to do.
- Increase the budget of the Office of Housing Stability, Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs and food security programs.
- Use all leverage at your disposal (such as putting conditions on funding) to ensure that Somerville police do not collaborate with ICE and that SPD investigates and arrests ICE officers who break the law.
- Enact an ordinance that bans ICE officers and law enforcement from wearing masks or concealing their identity.

- Enact policies that deter and/or penalize private businesses for allowing ICE to use their parking lots as staging grounds (as Target and Home Depot have done in Minnesota).

Thank you,

Amy Pollard

