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Hello,

I am a Somerville resident in Ward 3. I am pleading with you to do everything in your power to protect our neighbors from ICE and DHS's mass deportation campaign. Our neighbors, citizen and non-citizen, documented and undocumented, need you to take bolder action to protect them from this fascistic campaign terrorizing communities.

Please reestablish the The United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants and provide it with consistent and continued funding.

Mayor Wu's recent executive order demonstrates some other the things you can do:

- **Document and share examples of federal lawbreaking, violence, and property damage by federal officials in Somerville** (including from police body-cam footage and city surveillance cameras). If we are going to have this surveillance infrastructure it must be used to restrain ICE and state overreach, not enable it.
- **Actually prosecute this lawbreaking by federal agents.** ICE agents cannot continue to be allowed to break the law and violate basic rights with impunity.
- **Explicitly prohibit ICE and DHS from using city owned property for immigration enforcement without a warrant.** Work with all city departments to identify areas that might be used and ensure signage is in place that reflects this. Train city staff so they know what to do in these instances.

Additionally the city council in Minneapolis has unanimously passed a request to the state for an eviction moratorium several weeks ago. Unfortunately the state of Minnesota has not acted quickly and now the city is spending millions to support renters. Rather than waiting for an acute crisis to emerge **Somerville should preemptively establish an eviction moratorium.** Some of our neighbors are already effectively in hiding due to being terrorized by the state, that they could be thrown out onto the street in the middle of winter, should be unacceptable to anyone with a conscience. Tenant protections are also desperately needed in this moment.

Sincerely,

Cole Rainey-Slavick