

From: [August Kalinosky](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#); [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [#CI-StPaul_Ward2](#); [#CI-StPaul_Ward1](#)
Subject: Separation ordinance, Eviction moratorium
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 11:30:00 AM

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Hello Councilors Bowie and Noecker,

My name is August Kalinosky and I live in 55103. I'm writing to express my support for the eviction moratorium and to ask that the separation ordinance be heard at the 1/21 meeting. I agree with Councilor Bowie's comments last meeting, City Council procedure should not be used as an impediment to taking swift action to support our immigrant neighbors. Please hear and pass this ordinance as quickly as possible to keep our city and our beloved neighbors safe.

I also wanted to add my voice to the grievance hearing. I have witnessed neighbors brutalized and terrorized by federal officers and support any and every action city council can take to end this immediately.

Thank you both for your hard work.

August Kalinosky

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From: [Molly Vagle](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#); [#CI-StPaul Ward2](#)
Subject: ICE out of MN Now!
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:13:26 AM

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Hello,

I am a constituent in St Paul, MN and I am writing to demand you do everything in your power to get terrorists, ICE, OUT of Minnesota now, and for good. ICE is terrorizing my neighbors, innocent people, CHILDREN trying to get to school, and black and brown folks at unprecedented rates and without any legality or consequences. This is terrorism.

You need to pass the Separation Ordinance and support the state Eviction Moratorium. I expect a reading of the separation ordinance at the next meeting, 1/21. You know what to do, and you better be on the right side of history.

Thank you,
Molly

From: [Suzi Stephenson](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Get ICE out - Wed 21st City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026 8:57:24 AM

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Good morning,

This is for the city council meeting on Wednesday, which I can't attend but still want to share my voice.

Two Sundays ago my neighbors were kidnapped by ICE. They are not criminals and are here legally. Even if they were not legal, they deserve due process, that is the law.

The aggression and violence I have seen done to myself and my neighbors who legally document ICE has only ramped up. They charge use, they box us in..... they have guns and tactical gear and we have whistles and our phones. They have arrested us with no charges and because of that, after a fear hard punches and kicks and a few hours being detained, we are released without any charges (because we didn't do anything illegally).

For me personally. I will continue documenting and using my voice to get ICE out of MN, even though I know it means arrest and bodily harm. I'm at high alert at all times, I don't go anywhere without my whistle, I'm always in fight or flight mode. But the reality is, I would rather struggle through this then see any of my neighbors detained.

I am scared to pull out my whistle and to document on my phone when I see ICE, but I will continue to do so until ICE is out of our State.

Thank you for taking this email, and please do everything in your power to get them out.

Stay safe and fck ,

Suzanne Stephenson
North End
Ward 5

Also shout out to my city council rep, Hwa Jeong Kim for being boots on the ground and by us every step of the way. Couldn't ask for a better leader.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Cohen](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [Celeste Finn](#)
Subject: Nancy Cohen URGENTLY reaches out to Molly Coleman re: Separation Ordinance 04-316
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:59:17 PM

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Hi Molly.

Nancy Cohen here. I trust you recall meeting me at Gingko's this past summer to discuss some of your marketing messaging during your campaign. And, once again, CONGRATULATIONS on WINNING your council seat and moving right into your active role on the St. Paul City Council.

I recently met Celeste Finn, St. Paul resident and founder and director of Big Wonder Childcare on Kent Street. Celeste told me about the urgent work going on right now, to strengthen St. Paul's Separation Ordinance 04-316 in ways that can help rein in at least SOME of the abominations being committed by ICE against life, liberty, freedom, and safety for *all* who live, work, play, and visit here NOW and in the open-ended future! Immigrants are at the greatest risk, now. But then we are ALL at risk, as this current ICE disaster continues to expand and unfold.

I am working with Celeste and others on this urgent mission now. And I was delighted to read that you are leading the City Council's legal charge to "beef up" the earlier Separation Ordinance, and to give it greater "teeth" to successfully counter ICE's ongoing threats to life, liberty, and safety as we have known it, until now.

We are appalled at ICE's tactics of encroaching upon schools, childcare and daycare centers, and libraries, where they prey upon law-abiding immigrant families and individuals and present the greatest threats to family and children's safety and welfare. The cruelty of ICE's tactics, the illegality of their actions, their terrifying, unconstitutional bullying and kidnappings, put parents, children, teachers, staff, and ALL in harm's way. They are wreaking havoc on our collective and individual lives, liberties, and abilities to live peacefully and joyfully. We must STOP them as quickly as possible.

Right now, ICE has been showing up all over town – sadly, as we know, all throughout Minnesota – and *INTIMIDATING* law-abiding, tax-paying, innocent Minnesotans of all stripes, but they are also focusing on, and racially profiling, immigrants and refugees. ICE agents have been taunting, brutalizing, seizing, arresting, breaking and entering, pepper-spraying, shooting, killing, injuring, abusing, and abducting children, parents, employers, staff, trained observers, journalists, photographers and more. They are trampling on due process, constitutional rights, and fair treatment. And they have been acting as if they have impunity to continue wreaking havoc, here, in OUR city, OUR state, OUR country, as they please. They are putting us ALL in harm's way!

Which is why we need those who have sworn to Protect and Serve the public – that is, the St. Paul Police – to be able and willing to indeed, protect us and serve us, the people, the public, when we are confronted by ICE.

We understand that there are many "players" within city government who must be involved in not only creating but also in *enforcing* this Separation Ordinance. We know that this ordinance must have enough legal "teeth" to give our St. Paul Police power and authority to intervene if ICE is acting unlawfully. And, yes, we do need "buy-in" *from* our

police, so that they can and will step in and step up to help and intervene when ICE oversteps, bullies, and commits crimes against us.

We want you and the city council and city attorney to bring essential, due diligence to crafting and strengthening this ordinance.

But innocent people are being grievously harmed NOW, and, in some cases, kidnapped, arrested, sometimes physically injured, sometimes killed, and unlawfully locked up – or even shipped out to distant holding cells -- EVERY DAY now in St. Paul Minnesota! The disaster continues to unfold at breathtaking pace.

We must stop ICE NOW. We cannot afford to take the usual, standard pace in drafting and implementing this new ordinance. Because THIS IS A DAILY EMERGENCY for everyone who lives, works, visits, or simply travels through our city now, during this hideous reign of ICE.

Celeste and I ask you to email attached copies of your proposed Separation Ordinance to us yet today. Tuesday January 20, 2026. To give us time to read and digest and review it, so that we can better understand it, pose our own questions, and be best prepared to speak publicly about it at the City Council meeting tomorrow afternoon.

We ask you and the rest of the council to find ways to keep this legislation moving forward at a “double-time” pace, to provide *some* greater measure of safety from ICE’s present, enormous, hovering danger as QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

Many Thanks Molly,

Nancy

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Nancy E. Cohen

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From: [Michael Mooridian](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Testimony on PH 26-2 (January 21, 2026)
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:18:39 AM

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Our community is suffering and struggling due to the violent and aggressive actions of the federal government. Community members are helping in a myriad of grassroots ways, and I hope the City will continue to follow suit. However, it's sometimes hard to know where to begin.

One place we should focus our efforts is our schools. Earlier this month, ICE murdered Renee Good. This event overshadowed another scene that happened just hours later and blocks away: ICE deploying pepper spray and/or teargas against high school students

ICE waited outside of Roosevelt High School, presumably to detain an individual they expected to be there. As students were dismissed from school for the day, they walked outside, right into a group of agents dressed in military fatigue, armed with firearms and so-called non-lethal weapons.

Videos of this scene show ICE launching pepper spray or teargas into a crowd of students.

To be clear, these students did not seek out ICE. This was not a protest. This was not a rally. These students were leaving school for the day and walked directly into a situation created by ICE.

My ask of the City is to take concrete steps—whatever those might be—to provide protection for our students. This means, if we haven't already, explicitly denying ICE access to all of our school campuses, including all extracurricular activities hosted on school grounds.

If you feel the existing laws and policies in place are enough, then please take the next step to ensure their effectiveness. Work with and provide resources, education, and training to local law enforcement, school resource officers, school staff, and even parents to help empower them to enforce these policies.

Laws and policies are only effective if they can be understood and enforced.

Thank you
Michael Mooridian
Constituent of Ward 2

From: [Liz Isaac-Herzog](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Cc: [#CI-StPaul Ward4](#)
Subject: Take a Stand on ICE - Comment for Council Meeting 1/21/2026
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:45:14 AM

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Dear Saint Paul City Council Members,

My name is Liz Isaac-Herzog. I live in Ward 4 in Saint Paul. Councilmember Coleman, I voted for you in the 2025 election, and I am counting on you now to show up for your constituents.

I am writing to support a state Eviction Moratorium and the Separation Ordinance.

Residents of Saint Paul (and of course Minneapolis, surrounding suburbs, and the entire state) are not safe right now. Our police exist to protect and serve the people -- and you, our city council members, have been elected to respond to the needs of community members. We are asking for your help during this unlawful attack on our neighborhoods. The presence of ICE not making us safer. Children are now at risk on their way to and from school. Parents can't safely pick up groceries or crucial supplies like diapers for their families. Basic rights are being denied, and we all -- and especially the most vulnerable among us -- are in a state of constant terror.

Now is the time to do what we elected you to do. I am joining my neighbors in asking you to do everything in your power, including taking these two measures, to keep us safe from the harm that ICE is causing.

Thank you,
Liz Isaac-Herzog
pronouns: she/her

From: [Ellen Rozek](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul](#); [Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: the Separation Ordinance and the state's Eviction Moratorium
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:21:28 AM

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To the councilmembers,

I am a resident of St. Paul, specifically Ward 5 in the Como Park neighborhood, and I am writing because I am in favor of both the council's proposed Separation Ordinance and the resolution calling for the state to pass an eviction moratorium. During an ICE raid a few blocks from my home, St. Paul police assisted ICE agents in dispersing peaceful protestors using tear gas. There is no bigger indicator that our current separation restrictions preventing collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE are not strong enough.

While I recognize that the City of St. Paul can only encourage the state to pass an eviction moratorium, I still think it's important that the council pass a symbolic resolution and ask the state to do so. Nobody should risk losing their home in the middle of a Minnesota winter due to legitimate fears of going to work or school.

The city cannot prevent or put an end to Operation Metro Surge on their own, but they can and should take every possible step to protect the vulnerable people who live here.

Best,

Ellen Rozek

From: [Amy Browender](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Cc: [Cheniqua Johnson](#); [Silver Moran-Stewart](#)
Subject: Written comment for Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 9:57:55 AM
Attachments: [A.Browender - PH 26-2 City Council Comment.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please see attached for a written comment submitted for public record as part of PH 26-2 at Wednesday's meeting. Do let me know if you have any problems accessing the PDF.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Amy Browender

Submitted January 19, 2026

Dear Saint Paul City Council members,

I am writing to you today for three reasons:

- 1) To encourage you to - in accordance with proper procedure and in partnership with the City Attorney - move forward on updating our city's separation ordinance,
- 2) To encourage you to urge Governor Walz to pass an eviction moratorium, and
- 3) To share some of my general thoughts and observations on federal immigration enforcement activity on the East Side as part of the public record.

I have been a proud East Sider and resident of Ward 7 for nearly 8 years. I was also born and raised in Saint Paul. In the time that I've lived here, I've come to know the people, places and patterns that make up the unique and important fabric of our corner of the city. Despite a longstanding lack of public investment and the lasting impacts of COVID-19, businesses supporting creativity and everyday needs chart their paths forward on Payne Avenue: Burnt Chicken serves up home-cooked, affordable food; Second Shift Studio Space serves as an incubation hub for artists, and the staff at Kendall's ACE Hardware helps every neighbor on their next project. Further south, Saint Paul Urban Tennis operates out of Eastview Rec Center, providing tennis and life lessons for youth and adults. Moving northeast, Supermercado Lomabonita on White Bear Avenue serves as an affordable grocery store for community members. The Little Oven and The Cherry Pit - true landmarks of the Greater East Side - welcome all neighbors with open arms.

These places - and most importantly, the people who work in them, patronize them, and love them - are under attack. Federal immigration authorities and ICE have brought fear and intimidation to our community, our city, and our state. In addition, a lack of clarity around the role of the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) has added increased concern for peoples' safety. We need to take tangible steps to protect our community.

At 11:30am on January 17, major business corridors on the East Side including East 7th Street and Payne Avenue were quiet. Vehicle and foot traffic slowed to a drip, in contrast to a usually bustling weekend crowd. For our community members of color, especially with varying English language skills and immigration statuses, the threat of harassment, intimidation and detainment are very real.

Neighbors and local business owners have expressed extremely legitimate concerns around leaving their homes. Some are missing school and work entirely, foregoing paychecks so they can remain with their families. Caregiving adults must decide whether they can go grocery shopping, attend church services, or go to work with the knowledge that they may not return home to the people they are responsible for. Everyday errands are now inflection points where risk tolerance must be assessed: a stop at a gas station or simply moving garbage and recycling

bins to the curb for pick-up could lead to detainment and involuntary extradition to states like Texas.

On Sunday January 18, ICE relentlessly targeted the East Side. Word quickly spread that agents were circling a nearby Spanish-speaking parish in the hours surrounding Mass. Elsewhere, they illegally staged vehicles on private property, causing a nearby business owner to keep their doors locked all day. I personally witnessed 4 ICE agents continuously knock on a neighbors' door near my own home. In Spanish, they repeated "Immigration! Open the door!" They provided no proof of a judicial warrant, they carried guns, and they wore masks to conceal their identities. Their vehicles, complete with blacked out windows, idled on the street for more than an hour before they approached the home. At one point another ICE agent (masked and wearing sunglasses) walked up to individual constitutional observers and stood in front of them, inches away, presumably as an intimidation tactic. It didn't work: our neighbor did not open their door, and the agents eventually gave up and drove away.

As a white native English speaker and American-born person, my concern is focused entirely on others. I know that any risk I may feel is magnified tenfold for people whose skin color is different, whose first language is not English, or for whom any component of their identity may be a target for immigration authorities. This campaign is not about identifying and removing "criminals." This campaign is entirely about unleashing fear, acting on retribution, and punishing a state that has drawn the ire of a president whose power remains completely unchecked.

We also owe it to our neighbors to act decisively and strategically around the separation ordinance so that there are clear lines drawn between the actions of SPPD and federal immigration authorities. There should never be confusion around how our local police engage with the public. It is clear that the public does not have any understanding or confidence in how local law enforcement will interact whenever and wherever ICE is involved.

One example: ICE agents have been recklessly breaking traffic laws and seriously endangering pedestrians, motorists, and people taking public transit, and seem to have been allowed to do so unchecked by SPPD. An update to our policy in Saint Paul is urgently needed, and I appreciate your work to do so in partnership with the City Attorney's office. We must act quickly in accordance with established legal procedures so our work here cannot be compromised or interrupted by federal officials who look for any opportunity for a lawsuit.

Thank you for using your voices to speak for us and to support our neighbors through good policy. Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this, and for providing our community with the opportunity to share as part of this public hearing.

Respectfully,

Amy Browender
East Side
Ward 7

From: [Laura Temali](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)
Subject: Sign on to support ICE OUT MN 1/23 Day of Truth and Freedom
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 8:40:29 PM

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City Council Members:

On Wednesday, in response to the horrific acts of violence by ICE and Border Patrol agents in Minnesota, Faith in Minnesota joined a group of 74 labor and community organizations calling for a [Day of Truth & Freedom](#) on Friday, January 23.

Here is Faith in Minnesota's memo framing the day, which we're calling a [Day of Prayer & Fasting for Truth and Freedom](#).

We are asking you to support the 1/23 Day of Truth & Freedom by signing on at this [link](#). We would love your support and help in encouraging participation among your colleagues and constituents. There is a list of ways to do that in the sign on form, including

- Encourage your colleagues, friends, family and neighbors to participate by refraining from work, school and shopping on 1/23
- Include your support in upcoming communications to constituents
- Post your support on social media
- Be willing to speak to the media about your support
- Attend the march in downtown Minneapolis at 2:00pm on Friday January 23
- Sponsor a resolution in support of the 1/23 Day of Truth & Freedom

- Encourage businesses to protect their workers & community by becoming “4th Amendment” Businesses

This is our moment. The eyes of the country and the world are on us, and we need to show a complete rejection of authoritarianism! Ten years from now, you will want to look back and be proud that you stood up against this threat.

From a constituent
Laura Temali
1388 E Como Blvd
Saint Paul MN 55117

From: [Edward Rutledge](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Comment - PH-26-2
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 10:09:26 PM

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1/19/2026

Saint Paul Council

Council,

I am writing to you with a heavy heart as we witness the dismantling of our community and fear being struck into our neighbors. Me and my family have lived on the East Side, Ward 7, for nearly 8 years. We love our neighborhood and the diverse range of people and cultures that occupy it.

I am asking you for the following:

- Under the direction of city legal counsel and review, update the city's separation ordinance.
- Urge Governor Walz and his staff to pass an eviction moratorium.
- Clarify our local police's role in this complex situation. Local law enforcement are put in a particularly difficult position, and leadership's direction will be key at this moment.

These are trying times and I am aware of the processes that it will take to make progress on these items. I appreciate the dedicated and talented city staff you have, and you as elected officials for your leadership. I am hopeful that city staff and elected officials will work efficiently as this situation continues to evolve.

Thank you,
Ed Rutledge
Ward 7

From: [Kris Turnblom](#)
To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Protect us
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 2:48:16 PM

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We need an updated protection ordinance now. We need actionable steps to protect children, protect places of care, learning and worship. We need more than press conferences. I urge you to organize with other national & international leaders that know how to do this work. We need help. And we need it yesterday.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kristin Turnblom
1239 Blair ave 55104

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From: [Keng Her](#)
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Submitted January 20, 2026

I ask that this letter be sent as par of PH-26-2.

Dear Saint Paul City Council members,

I am writing to you tonight observation towards the City Attorney in response towards ICE immigration law enforcement in our city. Federal immigration authorities and ICE agents have had an agenda that was to enforce law on illegal immigrants and criminals. The operation in which they currently are running since 1/7/2026 have had extreme and suppressive results on the legal immigrant citizens here in the United States of America. There have been various intimidation and news representing how extreme their operations have been as of late. From my observation they pull individuals of color from the street and ask them for their proper identification regardless or not if they were not on their list of "illegals" or criminals. If these legal US citizen immigrants can't speak English they would then detain them and send them to the Whipple building in downtown Minneapolis for further processing, however the way they are treated is dehumanizing. I have seen them detain Asian americans near Cub Foods in Maplewood, MN for no reason, later those folk have been let go. More Asian folk at the Hmong Village outside the parking lot were detained and questioned for no reason. Latino/hispanic americans were detained near Payne and Phalen neighborhood who worked at the corresponding restaurant Los Ocampos but let go because they were legal. My wife who is a legal immigrant through marriage has only been here since October 2025. She was supposed to start school at Harmony Adult Education/Learning Center in Maplewood, MN 55109 since 1/12/2026. However the fact that they detain legal immigrants who are US citizens on "conditional green cards" also is against humanitarian rights. She is currently scared, mentally anxious, sad, psychologically abused because of the ICE presence and federal law enforcement here in MN. She escaped from a communist and extremely poor country towards a legal and hard working life here in the United States and it has failed her due to the extreme measures of our current President of the United States Donald Trump. The fact that these individuals are using force, violence, suppression, and intimidation towards legal citizens of color and those who are protecting their community towards living are normal legal happy day to day life is against the law. I am asking the powers of the City Council to allow ICE and federal agents to leave MN so life can continue the way it was supposed to.

Thank you,



Keng Her

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