



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON  
MAYOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-1**

**ICE ON NOTICE**

**DEFINING CPD ACTION DURING CIVIL IMMIGRATION  
ENFORCEMENT TO FURTHER FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

WHEREAS, no civil immigration enforcement objective can justify the reckless endangerment or taking of human life; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's public safety depends on residents being able to seek emergency assistance, report crimes, and engage with City Departments without fear that such contact will expose them to violence or deadly force by federal immigration enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration enforcement operations in Chicago and the greater Chicagoland region have escalated civil immigration encounters into armed, militarized operations involving lethal and potentially lethal force, turning routine enforcement into life-threatening confrontations in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, federal immigration agents shot and killed Silverio Villegas González, a 38-year-old father of two who had lived in the Chicago area for nearly two decades, during an immigration-related traffic stop in Franklin Park, Illinois—a killing that devastated his family and traumatized the community; and

WHEREAS, in October 2025, federal immigration agents shot Marimar Martinez multiple times in Chicago during an immigration enforcement operation—an act of potentially deadly violence that further intensified fear among residents and underscored the growing normalization of extreme force during routine federal civil immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, these Chicago-area incidents resemble deadly federal enforcement actions occurring elsewhere, such as the January 7, 2026 fatal shooting of 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good and the January 24, 2026 shooting of Illinois-born ICU nurse Alex Pretti by Border Patrol agents in Minneapolis, both of which have drawn

national protest and renewed demands to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”); and

WHEREAS, these killings and shootings are not isolated tragedies but part of a broader pattern in which federal immigration agencies have operated with inadequate oversight, limited transparency, and near-total insulation from meaningful local or civilian review, leaving families without answers and communities without justice; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of lethal force in civil immigration enforcement represents a profound failure of judgment and proportionality, transforming administrative immigration processes into scenes of terror, bloodshed, and irreversible harm; and

WHEREAS, since its creation under the Homeland Security Act of 2003, ICE has evolved far beyond its stated purpose and now operates as a militarized civil enforcement agency whose interior enforcement practices—including armed raids, detention, and deportation operations—have destabilized families, eroded trust in local government, and imposed substantial social and economic costs on cities; and

WHEREAS, most immigration violations are civil—not criminal—matters, yet ICE is among the only federal agencies that enforces civil law through armed policing, despite overwhelming evidence that immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than native-born citizens and that public safety is best achieved through community trust, due process, and local investment rather than fear-based enforcement; and

WHEREAS, recent federal operations—including militarized interior deployments involving ICE and Customs and Border Protection in Chicago neighborhoods, the Chicagoland region, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis—have blurred the line between border enforcement and domestic policing, employed paramilitary tactics inconsistent with democratic norms, and resulted in community trauma, civilian deaths, ongoing litigation, and national concern regarding accountability gaps; and

WHEREAS, these systemic failures demonstrate that ICE, as presently constituted, cannot be reformed on the margins and instead demands dismantling and replacement with a limited, humane, and accountable federal framework centered on due process and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, taking a public position in support of abolishing ICE affirms Chicago’s leadership in defending local authority against federal overreach, advancing fiscal responsibility, and grounding public safety in trust rather than terror; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago rejects any framework of public safety that treats immigrant lives—or the lives of community members and rapid responders who step forward to stand with their neighbors—as disposable or acceptable collateral damage in pursuit of federal political objectives; and

WHEREAS, Chicago has both the authority and the moral duty to set clear expectations for its own officers when they receive information that federal agents may be inflicting unlawful force, including lethal force and other violations of local and state law; now, therefore,

I, Brandon Johnson, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

## **SECTION 1. CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION AND SUPERVISION**

The Chicago Police Department (“CPD”) Incident Commander (“CPD Incident Commander”) responding to a scene of civil immigration enforcement shall seek to identify the federal supervisory officer on scene. If no on-scene federal supervisory officer is present, the CPD Incident Commander shall request that an on-scene federal supervisory officer respond to the scene.

The CPD Incident Commander shall attempt to verify the name and badge number of the on-scene federal supervisory officer.

The CPD Incident Commander shall record this credential verification using body-worn camera as required by Department Policy, including any refusal to provide credentials.

## **SECTION 2. REQUIRED ACTIONS TO SECURE MEDICAL CARE, DOCUMENT ALLEGATIONS OF UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY FEDERAL AGENTS, AND REFER FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

If a CPD Member arrives on scene during civil immigration enforcement, the Member shall ensure that any body-worn camera footage captured during the Member’s presence on scene—including footage reflecting any use of force, detentions, injuries, or other enforcement activity—is preserved and that the federal enforcement activities are documented in accordance with CPD’s SO6-14-03.

For any injured person on the scene of civil immigration enforcement, CPD Members shall immediately summon emergency medical services and make all reasonable efforts to render aid according to CPD’s directives and their training.

If a CPD Member receives information from a member of the public regarding conduct by federal agents that constitutes apparent violations of state or local law the Member shall notify their Supervisor who will ensure that a report is completed consistent with the requirements of CPD's Directives.

### **SECTION 3. EVIDENCE PRESERVATION, OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY**

CPD Supervisors must ensure preservation of evidence relating to the incidents and reports described above and, at the direction of the Mayor's Office, make a referral of felony matters to the Cook County States Attorney. CPD shall, to the extent permitted by law, publicly report aggregated data regarding incidents in which CPD Members documented or received reports of suspected unlawful conduct by federal agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement.

Nothing in this Order imposes any duty on CPD members to arrest federal agents during civil immigration enforcement operations.

### **SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

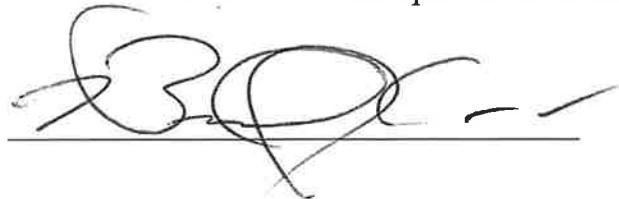
Nothing in this Executive Order is intended to alter any of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the City and the labor unions representing CPD members.

CPD will implement the requirements of this Order in accordance with CPD policy, the Welcoming City Ordinance (Chapter 2-173 of the Municipal Code of Chicago), the Illinois TRUST Act (5 ILCS 805/1 et seq.), and the Illinois VOICES Act (5 ILCS 825/1 et seq.).

CPD shall issue guidance in consultation with Corporation Counsel and Mayor's Office of Immigrant Migrant and Refugee Rights within 30 days from the effective date of this Order establishing procedures for implementing the requirements of this Order.

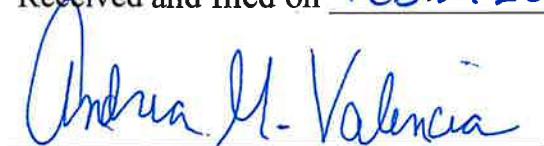
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Mayor

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