



Council Members' Joint Statement Regarding Mayor's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Memorandum

(Dallas, TX October 18, 2025) – Council Member West, Council Member Resendez, Council Member Bazaldua, and Council Member Blackmon issued the following statement in response to Mayor Johnson's request for a joint Public Safety/Government Efficiency meeting to brief committee members on ICE's 287(g) program.

"After receiving Mayor Johnson's Friday afternoon missive relating to Chief Comeaux's decision to reject entering into a "287(g) contract" with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, we felt it important to share the following thoughts with the Dallas community.

While the Dallas Police Department's role is to ensure the public safety of our community, immigration and related activities are a federal responsibility. The fact that ICE seeks to contract with local governments to broaden their reach further underscores this point.

We remain concerned with the practices being deployed by ICE agents through federal directives. The 287(g) program would turn local law enforcement into an arm of federal immigration enforcement and could result in a betrayal of trust between the Dallas Police Department and the very communities they are sworn to protect. Said another way, safer communities are built through trust and connection. DPD participating in this program would certainly undermine progress made.

We know the impact of these federal actions will have implications long past the current administration, and we must decide who we are as a community. We believe we can uphold both the City's commitment to humanity and public safety. Immigrants have made enormous contributions to our city – from education, workforce and economic development to the arts, and even our beloved sports teams. There is no corner of Dallas that has not been touched positively by our international community.

We look forward to having this public discussion as called for by Mayor Johnson."



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