

ABOLISH AND PROSECUTE ICE

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- 2 **Whereas** the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was created in 2003 as part of the
3 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has an FY2018 budget of over \$8.67 billion, employs over
4 20,000 persons, and is looking to hire over 6,000 more support personnel; and
- 5 **Whereas** the duties performed by ICE were previously handled by other agencies, including the
6 FBI and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP); and
- 7 **Whereas** ICE employs private, for-profit prisons and is the only law enforcement agency in the United
8 States with a minimum detention quota, which rewards excessive detentions for questionable charges;
9 and
- 10 **Whereas** ICE is largely unaccountable and self-regulating, and the DHS Office of Inspector General
11 revealed that 1,224 sexual abuse complaints by immigrants in ICE custody were filed between Jan. 2010
12 and June 2017, but only 3% of those complaints were investigated; and
- 13 **Whereas**, ICE has separated and detained more than 2,000 children of asylum seekers, who have not
14 committed any crime, from their parents, holding them in stark detention centers and including infants
15 who are reportedly left alone in cages; and
- 16 **Whereas** hundreds of detainees have died in ICE custody, many due to mistreatment and substandard
17 care and abuse, much of which was covered up by ICE officials; and
- 18 **Therefore be it resolved** that the Washington State Democrats support defunding and abolishing ICE
19 and redistributing its duties, except those that violate human rights and international law, to other
20 accountable agencies; and
- 21 **Furthermore be it resolved** that the human rights abuses allegedly conducted by ICE be immediately
22 ended, whether by ICE or its successor agencies; and
- 23 **Furthermore be it resolved** that the Washington State Democrats call for the prosecution, according to
24 relevant federal and international laws and treaties, of those who ordered and carried out the
25 separation and imprisonment of refugee families and children; and
- 26 **Furthermore be it resolved** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all members of Congress and
27 Senate from Washington State.
- 28 [https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/3/19/17116980/ice-abolish-immigration-arrest-](https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/3/19/17116980/ice-abolish-immigration-arrest-deport)
29 [deport](https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/3/19/17116980/ice-abolish-immigration-arrest-deport)
- 30 <https://www.thenation.com/article/its-time-to-abolish-ice/>
- 31 <https://reason.com/archives/2018/06/11/abolish-ice>
- 32 <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ICE%20FY18%20Budget.pdf>
- 33 [https://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/28/politics/4-unions-sue-over-new-rules-for-homeland-security-](https://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/28/politics/4-unions-sue-over-new-rules-for-homeland-security-workers.html)
34 [workers.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/28/politics/4-unions-sue-over-new-rules-for-homeland-security-workers.html)