



February 4, 2026

Mayor Her
Members of the Saint Paul City Council
City of Saint Paul
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Letter of Community Concern and Request for Continued City Action

Dear Mayor Her and Members of the Saint Paul City Council:

On behalf of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (District 12), the City-recognized neighborhood organization for St. Anthony Park, we are writing to share neighborhood concerns regarding the impacts that increased federal immigration enforcement activity in the Twin Cities is having on residents in our community.

We are hearing from neighbors that fear and uncertainty related to enforcement activity are disrupting daily life. Residents' ability to commute to work, maintain steady income, and safely access essential services has been affected. These disruptions create heightened risk of housing instability and displacement, particularly for renters experiencing sudden income loss through no fault of their own.

Housing stability is foundational to neighborhood well-being and community safety. Preventing avoidable displacement during periods of extraordinary disruption helps protect families, reduces strain on emergency housing systems, and supports the overall stability of our city.

We recognize and appreciate the leadership the City has already shown in responding to these conditions, including actions taken by the City Council to call for state-level protections and to prevent further harm to residents affected by federal enforcement activity.

We also understand the limits of municipal authority in this area. At the same time, the impacts on residents are ongoing and immediate, and continued coordination and use of all available tools remains critical to preventing avoidable displacement.

We encourage the City to continue exploring all appropriate and lawful steps to help residents remain housed during this period, including, where feasible:

- Temporary rental assistance or emergency housing stabilization funds
- Eviction prevention measures and expanded access to mediation or legal support
- Flexibility within housing and court systems to prevent avoidable displacement
- Coordination with nonprofit and community-based organizations to deliver assistance quickly
- Consideration of temporary protections or enforcement pauses, where legally feasible
- Coordination with state partners, and encouragement of state-level action where City authority is limited

Our intent in writing is not to prescribe a single legal mechanism, but to underscore the urgency of the moment and the importance of using every available tool to support housing stability and prevent displacement during this period of disruption.

We are proud of our neighborhood and the ways residents have stepped up to look out for one another and support those most impacted. We appreciate the City's leadership and encourage continued collaboration among City and State partners to ensure neighbors can remain safe, housed, and supported.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service to our community.

On behalf of the Board,



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