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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR MICHELLE WU'S LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI

- WHEREAS,* On August 13, 2025, US Attorney General Pam Bondi sent a letter to Mayor Michelle Wu that threatened to prosecute City officials and withhold federal funds unless Boston cooperated with carrying out mass deportations; *and*
- WHEREAS,* On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Mayor Michelle Wu responded to Attorney General Pam Bondi with a letter and press conference alongside elected officials and community leaders from across Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Boston will not be threatened and will always stand up for our residents and our values; immigrants have been arriving on Boston's shores since the 17th century and the diversity of our City is what gives it strength; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston is currently the safest major city in the country, a direct result of the Boston Police Department's community policing and partnerships with faith institutions and community based organizations; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The Boston City Council first passed and established the Trust Act in 2014, strengthen it in 2019, and in 2024 voted unanimously to reaffirm the Trust Act, emphasizing the City's commitment to protecting immigrant communities and maintaining public safety; *and*
- WHEREAS,* The 2017 Lunn decision from the Supreme Judicial Court affirmed that local law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts are prohibited from arresting and holding an individual solely on the basis of a federal civil immigration detainer; *and*
- WHEREAS,* We must continue to reaffirm that the City of Boston follows all federal, state and City laws and we stand with Mayor Michelle Wu in telling Attorney Bondi that Boston will never back down from being a beacon of freedom and a home for everyone; *and*
- WHEREAS,* Federal courts on multiple occasions, including as recently as last week, affirmed that state and local law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to carry out federal immigration enforcement; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- RESOLVED:* That the Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support of Mayor Michelle Wu's letter in response to Attorney Pam Bondi; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of
Boston.

Filed on: August 25, 2025