

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON 2024 DETAINER REQUESTS

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department (BPD) recently communicated in a letter to the Boston City Council that it had rejected 15 detainer requests from the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2024; *and*

WHEREAS: On January 9, 2025, media reports stated that ICE indicated that there were 198 immigration detainer requests last year, far higher than the number of detainer requests communicated by the Boston Police Department; *and*

WHEREAS: Reports indicated that the criminal charges on the detainer requests included violent and serious crimes such as armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, assault to murder, possession of a firearm, possession of a large capacity weapon, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, trafficking of heroin, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and trafficking over 200 grams of cocaine; *and*

WHEREAS: Public safety is one of the foremost concerns in our neighborhoods and communities. Given the large discrepancies in the detainer request numbers, it is important that the Boston City Council and the public are provided clarification and explanation of these discrepancies, as well as the most up-to-date information to help inform policy-making; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that when someone commits a violent crime, regardless of immigration status, we do not stand in the way of justice for a victim. We must have respect for the rule of law and society. The Boston Police Department must maintain a positive and respectful working relationship with our federal law enforcement partners; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the 2024 detainer requests in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Boston Police Department are invited to attend.

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