

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
 Report for the Village Council Meeting  
 1/13/2026

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Federal immigration activities	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

### SYNOPSIS

Discussion of proposed actions concerning Federal immigration activities.

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The 2025-27 Strategic Goals include *A Safe and Welcoming Community*.

### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

### RECOMMENDATION

Action at the Discretion of the Village Council.

### BACKGROUND

At the December 9, 2025 meeting, the Village Council considered the following new business proposal:

*At the request of Commissioners Sadowski-Fugitt and Roe, the following proposal has been placed on the New Business Agenda. Proposal to Monitor Federal Immigration Activities. More specifically to: 1) consider prohibiting U.S. Border Patrol and ICE staging on Village property; 2) consider directing the Police Department to respond to any call, including to the non-emergency DGPD line, from a Downers Grove community member that witnesses immigration enforcement and is concerned about his/her safety or the safety of others and to obtain records of federal agents conduct that may constitute any potential constitutional violations; and, 3) encourage federal and state legislatures to pass meaningful legislation requiring U.S. Border Patrol and ICE agents to be clearly identified and restricting the use of masks when conducting civil immigration enforcement.*

The Council approved a motion placing this discussion on an upcoming First Reading agenda and directing staff to take appropriate actions in support of the discussion. Staff gathered information and documents on this topic from other municipalities in the Chicago area.

### Illinois Public Act 104-040

[Public Act 104-040](#) (also known as the [Illinois Bivens Act](#)) was signed into law on December 9, 2025 and became effective that same day. The [United States Department of Justice filed suit against Illinois](#) challenging its constitutionality.

### **DMMC Survey**

At the request of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference prepared and distributed a two question survey to its members. The questions are noted below. The responses are summarized in the following table.

#### Survey Questions

*Has your Board/Council taken any actions related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP) activities?*

*Has your municipality discussed taking actions and ultimately decided not to?*

#### **Summary of Responses**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Discussed</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Addison	Yes	No
Bolingbrook	Yes	No
Burr Ridge	No	No
Carol Stream	Yes	No
Darien	No	No
Elmhurst	Yes	No
Glen Ellyn	No	No
Lisle	No	No
Lombard	No	No
Naperville	No	No
Roselle	No	No
Warrenville	No	No
Westmont	No	No
Wheaton	No	No
Winfield	No	No
Wood Dale	No	No
Woodridge	No	No

## Chicago Area Municipality Actions/Statements Regarding Federal Immigration

The following information is posted on municipalities websites.

<u>Actions Taken</u>	<u>Municipalities</u>
1. Passed an ordinance or resolution prohibiting use of municipal property for federal immigration enforcement operations.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aurora</li> <li>• Arlington Heights</li> <li>• Batavia**</li> <li>• Elgin</li> <li>• Evanston</li> <li>• Hanover Park</li> <li>• Skokie</li> <li>• Waukegan</li> <li>• West Chicago</li> <li>• Wheeling</li> <li>• Wilmette***</li> </ul>
2. Posted statement or passed resolution with general information regarding municipal operations as they pertain to federal immigration enforcement operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrington</li> <li>• Bartlett</li> <li>• Burr Ridge</li> <li>• Lombard</li> <li>• Mt. Prospect</li> <li>• Winnetka</li> </ul>
3. Provided relevant resources to residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffalo Grove</li> <li>• Bolingbrook</li> <li>• Glenview</li> </ul>
4. Combination of 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glencoe</li> <li>• Highland Park</li> <li>• Northbrook</li> <li>• Palatine</li> <li>• St. Charles</li> </ul>
<p>*These municipalities also have additional information and resources on their website but are called out separately because they took additional action beyond a statement or providing resources.</p> <p>**Also prohibits data sharing.</p> <p>***Wilmette's ordinance addresses additional items beyond the prohibition of use of property for immigration enforcement including gathering information regarding the conduct of federal agents during civil immigration enforcement for submittal to the Illinois Accountability Commission and prohibiting data sharing.</p>	

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Link(s)</u></b>
Aurora	<a href="#"><u>Summary of Ordinance</u></a>
Arlington Heights	<a href="#"><u>Ordinance</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Immigration Resources</u></a>
Barrington	<a href="#"><u>Resolution</u></a>
Bartlett	<a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>
Batavia	<a href="#"><u>Ordinance</u></a>
Buffalo Grove	<a href="#"><u>FAQ's</u></a>
Burr Ridge	<a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Victim/Witness Assistance</u></a>
Bolingbrook	<a href="#"><u>Know Your Rights</u></a>
Elgin	<a href="#"><u>Summary of Resolution</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>
Evanston	<a href="#"><u>Staff Report &amp; Resolution</u></a>
Glencoe	<a href="#"><u>Statement and Resources</u></a>
Glenview	<a href="#"><u>FAQ's</u></a>
Hanover Park	<a href="#"><u>Know Your Rights and Resources</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Information and Resources</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Ordinance (see page 79)</u></a>
Highland Park	<a href="#"><u>Statement &amp; Resources</u></a> <a href="#"><u>FAQ's</u></a>
Lombard	<a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>
Mt. Prospect	<a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>
Northbrook	<a href="#"><u>Resources</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>
Palatine	<a href="#"><u>Resources &amp; FAQ's</u></a> Resolution (attached)
Skokie	<a href="#"><u>Know Your Rights</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Ordinance (see page 29)</u></a>
St. Charles	<a href="#"><u>Statement and Resources</u></a>

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Link(s)</u></b>
Waukegan	<a href="#"><u>Summary of Resolution</u></a>
West Chicago	<a href="#"><u>Statement Resolution (see page 38)</u></a>
Wheeling	<a href="#"><u>Resolution</u></a>
Wilmette	<a href="#"><u>Rights &amp; Resources Ordinance</u></a>
Winnetka	<a href="#"><u>Statement</u></a>

**ATTACHMENTS**

Palatine Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. R-~~26~~25****RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING A COMMITMENT OF SAFETY, RESPECT  
AND TRUST TO ALL RESIDENTS OF PALATINE**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Palatine, Illinois believe that all residents of the community deserve to live with respect, dignity, and safety regardless of race, religion, immigration status or national origin; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village finds that the cooperation of all people is essential to achieving the Village's goals of protecting life and property, preventing crime and resolving problems; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village has long supported public safety through the establishment of trust and partnerships between the residents and local government; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village has a long history of working with all members of our community, building relationships based upon trust; and**

**WHEREAS, the Palatine Police Department offers numerous community events such as summer camps, Shop with a Cop, Cop on a Rooftop, Toys for Tots, and National Night Out to build strong relationships with the community; and**

**WHEREAS, the stress that recent federal actions have caused on our community is creating fear and eroding the trust that the Village and law enforcement have built through the past several decades; and**

**WHEREAS, the tactics of federal immigration enforcement agencies witnessed by the community are not something the Mayor, Village Council nor staff condone; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council are committed to building relationships within our community and protecting our residents under the law.**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The Mayor and Village Council reaffirm their commitment to ensuring the safety, dignity and human rights of all residents of Palatine.

**Section 2:** The Village remains committed to following all aspects of the Trust Act and other state and federal laws including, but not limited to, providing services and acting without discrimination based on immigrant status.

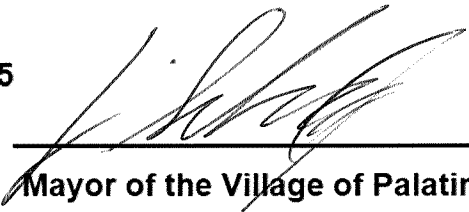
**Section 3:** The Village will continue to respond to all known incidents involving federal immigration enforcement in an effort to identify the enforcing organization and maintain a safe environment for all present on the scene.

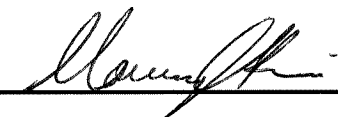
**Section 4:** The Village encourages the Federal government to develop standards of conduct for immigration enforcement officers.

**Section 5:** The Village will continue to strive to build a strong relationship with all residents of the community through partnerships and outreach as well as education.

**DATED: November 17, 2025**

**AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0 **PASS:** 0

**APPROVED: November 17, 2025**  
  
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**Mayor of the Village of Palatine**

**ATTESTED and FILED in the office of the Village Clerk on November 17, 2025**  
  
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**Village Clerk**