

Will Alexandria act to protect its diverse international community?

Alexandria is an international city of new and old Americans, immigrants and refugees, people of many faiths. When ICE comes for one of us, they come for all of us. We did not ask for this. It is up to Alexandria, all of Alexandria, to come together and defend our residents. We are responsible.



Alexandrians respect due process. In this time of uncertainty and immorality, our elected officials and their employees must redouble their commitment to our collective legal and ethical standards.

For immigrants, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has always been a dangerous paramilitary force of violent, masked agents. [Now we all see it](#). ICE has no respect for due process, the rule of law, or basic human rights. ICE does not deserve respect or cooperation.

Is Sheriff Casey actively helping ICE?

The Alexandria Sheriff's office (ASO) publicly states that they do not "participate in any type of immigration enforcement." This is false. Sheriff Casey has admitted to transferring dozens of Alexandria residents to ICE. This voluntary cooperation cannot continue. Alexandria will not stand for it. Sheriff Casey is believed to be collaborating with ICE in three key ways:

- **"Courtesy Calls"**: Before releasing a non-citizen from the Alexandria Adult Detention Center, ICE receives a "courtesy call", including the release date and time.
- **Holding Alexandrians for ICE**: Alexandrian immigrants are held in jail for up to eight additional hours so ICE has time to come to Alexandria for them.
- **Obedience to ICE Without a Judicial Warrant**: The ASO voluntarily hands Alexandrians over to ICE at their request, without being legally forced to do so by a judge.

Alexandria officials must act to protect Alexandrians

Courts across the country find ICE holds, detaining people for extra time, to be [unconstitutional](#).

Congress voted to give the ICE paramilitary [massive increases](#) for enforcement (29 billion) and detention (45 billion). Communities across the U.S. must act.

["An estimated 70%](#) of ICE arrests nationwide result from a detainer and transfer from another law enforcement agency". We must do our part to disrupt detention and deportation.

In 2023, Sheriff Casey took an important first step. He ended our Intergovernmental Agreement with ICE, thereby refusing to house ICE detainees in our jail. **Ending non-required ICE transfers is the next step** to keep Alexandria's communities safe. Together, we can do more.