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CITY OF NEWTON

By His Honor

**MARC C. LAREDO
MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING CITY RESPONSE TO
FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Newton's Welcoming City Ordinance enacted on February 21, 2017 affirms the City's commitment to making all residents, workers, and visitors feel safe and secure regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, recent images and reports of federal immigration enforcement operations in American cities like Minneapolis, Minnesota and Portland, Maine have been disturbing, frightening, and frustrating to residents of our city and other cities across the country;

WHEREAS, the City of Newton continues its long-standing and firm belief in promoting democracy and adherence to the rule of law;

WHEREAS, the City of Newton Police Department is steadfastly dedicated to maintaining public safety and keeping the peace in our city;

WHEREAS, the City of Newton is committed to fostering a welcoming, safe environment and trust between city agencies and our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority invested in me as the chief executive officer of the City of Newton by the Newton City Charter, I, Marc C. Laredo, Mayor of Newton, hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Commitment to Public Safety and Keeping the Peace

The City of Newton, through its Police Department, shall follow established protocols and long-standing practices to protect peaceful protests and protestors and ensure public safety across the City.

In the event that any person is injured in the course of immigration enforcement actions or related protests at which City officials are present, City officials shall immediately summon emergency medical services and shall make all reasonable efforts to render aid according to City department protocols, directives and training.

Section 2: Restriction on the Use of City Property

The City of Newton and all City departments with authority over physical property shall not permit any City-owned or City-controlled property—including but not limited to City-owned buildings, parks, parking lots, and any interior or exterior portion thereof—to be used as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any similar purpose in furtherance of civil immigration enforcement operations. Prohibited uses of City-owned or City-controlled property include, but are not limited to, assembling, mobilizing, or deploying personnel, vehicles, equipment, or materials for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement.

Section 3: Prohibited Access to City Property

Civil immigration enforcement officials are not allowed into non-public spaces without a valid judicial warrant or court order. The City of Newton reaffirms the City's long-held position that municipal buildings, including schools, libraries, and community centers are available to provide specific services to members of the public, and are to be accessed for those purposes only.

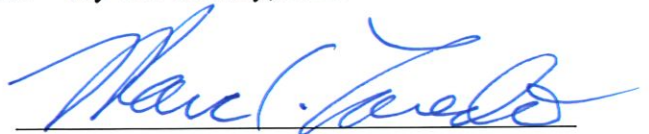
Section 4: Scope

Nothing in this order shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of court orders or lawful judicial warrants, or the enforcement of criminal law, nor as limiting the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law.

Section 5: Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and will be enforced to the extent allowable under the law.

Given at the Office of the Mayor of the City of Newton this 5th day of February, 2026



Marc C. Laredo

Mayor