

Notes for Press Conference 2025-12-18 part 2

We have learned from other Cities that community solidarity and resilience is absolutely crucial to protect friends, neighbors, and families from unjustifiable and illegal seizure.

When ordinary citizens show up to witness and document illegal ICE behavior, ICE tactics change.

When communities work together to let ICE know they are not welcome, agents get the message.

When people work together to care for their neighbors, the whole community is safer.

In Minneapolis and St. Paul, neighbors are accompanying children as they walk to school. Friends are delivering groceries to folks scared to leave home. Christians gather at mosques on Fridays while Muslims pray. Ordinary people. Ordinary people doing what, in other times, might be ordinary acts of individual kindness. In this time, these are extraordinary acts of solidarity.

Today we are issuing a threefold invitation to people in the Twin Ports area:

1. **Check on your neighbors.** Ask what they need. Be willing to go out of your way in order to help them. Show them that you are part of a caring, resilient community and if they are fearful, they will not be alone.
2. **Learn about your rights as well as about the rights of your neighbor.** You have a right to remain silent when asked questions. You do not need to let an agent into your home or apartment unless they have a judicial warrant signed by a judge. You do not have to sign anything without advice from an attorney.
3. **Stay alert.** If you see ICE agents, call the hotline. If you see enforcement happening, blow a whistle. In just a minute we'll teach you how to do that.

The Rapid Response Team is an all-volunteer group committed to the well-being of our communities. We are calling on ordinary citizens to commit themselves to promoting safety and security for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and families.

We will not allow ourselves to be terrorized. We will not live in fear. It will take all of us to build a community that can say together—**NOT IN OUR TOWN.**