**PSC/CUNY Resolution to Abolish ICE**

WHEREAS the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency, created during the 2023 Bush presidency in response to the attacks of September 11, 2021, accelerated detentions under the second Trump administration to include large-scale, indiscriminate kidnappings across the country, including over 65,000 people held in detention in July 2026 alone, and representing an overall increase of over 71% in NYC immigration arrests; and

WHEREAS with the influx of billions of dollars to ICE and Customs and Border Protection, as of June 2026 these agencies have more than $152 billion stockpiled, monies that could go toward healthcare, environmental infrastructure, housing, and education; and

WHEREAS ICE has engaged in widespread civil-liberties violations, including racial profiling, detaining individuals (including U.S. citizens and legal residents) without due process, and operating overcrowded detention centers that lack medical care and deny basic needs; and

WHEREAS in the past year the number of ICE agents has doubled to more than 22,000, including untrained individuals whose masked appearance, secret arrests, and intimidation tactics undermine public trust and discourage immigrants from reporting crimes; and

WHEREAS according to the ACLU, at least 57 people have died in immigration detention since the start of Trump's second term; and

WHEREAS ICE officers have perpetrated shootings in Buffalo, NYC, Maine, Minnesota, and elsewhere, including U.S. citizens Renee Good and Alex Pretti, who were killed when protesting ICE, Keith Porter Jr. who was killed while celebrating New Year's Eve near his Los Angeles home, and most recently, Oscar Belgal, a Dominican man who was shot in the Bronx while in his car with his 5-year old son; and

WHEREAS ICE is an essential instrument for the Trump administration's mean-spirited project of deporting millions of people — a project that has exacted terrible harm to families, a project that is cruel, unnecessary, and a cynical distraction from addressing the real economic woes of working people; and

WHEREAS ICE has made us less, not more, safe and has become the embodiment of a para-military force used by authoritarian regimes to consolidate power, quell dissent, and terrorize the population into submission; and

WHEREAS our communities, schools, hospitals, and workplaces have all become sites of fear, with children in immigrant families particularly vulnerable and traumatized; and

WHEREAS since January 2025, PSC/CUNY and members in and around its Immigrant Solidarity Working Group have learned from our members, from other organizations, and from affected communities how to support immigrants in the courts, colleges and communities;

formed committees on campuses across the University; organized at Delaney Hall detention center; and engaged in courtwatch every Friday since May 2025, all engaging hundreds of union members and supporting thousands of immigrant New Yorkers, and

WHEREAS the labor movement's slogan, "an injury to one is an injury to all" is inclusive of immigrant workers; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Professional Staff Congress/CUNY calls for ICE to be abolished; and

**RESOLVED**, that PSC/CUNY will advocate for abolishing ICE and partnering with labor, education, and community allies to advance this demand; and

**RESOLVED**, that PSC/CUNY commits to—and will urge our affiliates to—call on Congress to abolish ICE and redirect its funding toward public education and social services that support our communities; and

**RESOLVED**, that PSC/CUNY commits to continuing to defend our immigrant neighbors in the courts, colleges, and communities, affirming that students deserve to learn free from fear, and that all workers and communities deserve due process, civil liberty, and human dignity.

– submitted by the PSC/CUNY Executive Council, 10.22.2026