



Teton County Board of Commissioners

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Cc: Sheriff Matt Carr

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To the Teton County Board of Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of over 500 Teton County residents to raise urgent concerns regarding the Teton County Sheriff's Office's cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Specifically, we understand that Sheriff Matt Carr is honoring ICE civil detention requests by holding individuals for up to 48 hours beyond their scheduled release—without a judge-signed warrant.

ICE detainers are civil administrative requests, not judicial warrants, and compliance is voluntary. Holding individuals beyond their release date without judicial authorization raises serious Fourth Amendment concerns.

This is a matter of constitutional limits on government power and the fundamental right to due process.

Teton County has not entered into a 287(g) agreement with ICE, and therefore is neither required nor authorized to carry out federal civil immigration enforcement functions. The current practice raises serious questions about the legal authority under which these detentions are occurring.

The impact on our community is immediate and profound.

Residents have reported cases in which individuals were transferred to ICE custody following low-level charges such as public intoxication, resulting in deportation and family separation.

In a recent incident, a community member experiencing a mental health crisis at Albertsons was drawn into the criminal legal system and subsequently faced immigration consequences. This raises a fundamental question: would this outcome have been the same if that individual were white?

More broadly, these practices are creating a chilling effect across Teton County. Community members are increasingly afraid to seek medical care, report crimes, or engage with public institutions due to fear of immigration enforcement.

These are not hypothetical harms. They are happening now, in this community.

These actions raise serious concerns about racial profiling and unequal treatment, particularly in a county where Latino residents already face disproportionate scrutiny.

Local reporting has suggested that Sheriff Carr's position may have shifted following pressure from Harriet Hageman.

Teton County officials are **accountable to the people of this county**—not to political pressure from Washington.

We are requesting immediate action from Teton County leadership:

- Cease honoring ICE detainers without a judicial warrant
- Publicly clarify current policy regarding ICE cooperation
- Provide transparency on all ICE-related detentions, including the number of individuals held beyond release
- Affirm that local resources will not be used for federal civil immigration enforcement

We also request clear answers to the following:

- When did this policy or practice change? And what is the justification for this change?
- Under what legal authority are individuals being held beyond their release date?
- How many individuals have been affected by this practice?

The attached materials include the original petition, a summary of notable signatories, and the full list of petition signatures.

We expect a public response no later than Friday May 1st 2026 and meaningful action to address these concerns.

In solidarity,

Concerned residents of Teton County

Jackson Hole Against ICE - Petition to Teton County Sheriff's Office

We, the undersigned residents of Jackson Hole, demand that the Teton County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) cease all unmandated cooperation with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) immediately.

As a community, we were shocked and appalled when Sheriff Matt Carr, in March of 2025, reneged on his public promise not to hold onto inmates for federal immigration authorities without a criminal warrant, instead bowing to pressure from aggressively anti-immigration politicians in Cheyenne to honor civil detention requests from ICE.

Since the beginning of last year, more than 100 members of our small community have been subject to extended detention and transfer to ICE custody, in many cases for minor traffic violations. Longtime residents have been deported for driving a few miles below the speed limit. Families have been broken up. Loved ones have been disappeared. A climate of fear has descended upon our town, with many residents afraid to drive to work, attend a public celebration, seek protection from domestic violence, or even visit a doctor.

Racial profiling. Government overreach. Unnecessarily punitive law enforcement tactics. These are actions we, as a community, abhor and reject in the strongest possible terms, as we abhor and reject the encroachment of ICE agents into our town.

We urge Sheriff Carr and TCSO to cease conducting immigration related investigations pursuant to unrelated traffic stops or other contacts that exceed the scope of the original stop or investigation and exceed TCSO's enforcement jurisdiction. We urge Sheriff Carr to reconsider his decision to hold suspected undocumented immigrants in extended detention at ICE's request and without a judge-signed warrant. We urge him to live up to the pledges he made to this community when he sought our support and our votes.