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As a City Council, we strive to fulfill the City of Red Wing's mission to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home. Every person deserves dignity and respect, to live without fear or intimidation, and to have their constitutional rights upheld. Due to the recent actions of federal agents to enforce immigration laws, many of our Red Wing neighbors are living in fear, fear of being taken from their homes, cars, schools, work establishments, and places of worship.

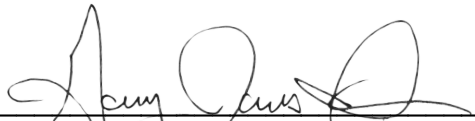
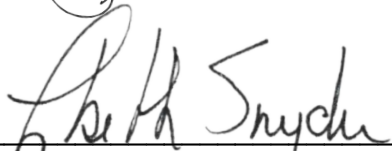

Today, we ask the federal and state governments to work together to end this uncertainty and fear. We also want to provide a clear message to the public regarding the City of Red Wing's Police Department. Red Wing officers do not participate in or assist with civil immigration enforcement. The Red Wing Police Department's role is to protect public safety and build trust with the community. Everyone in Red Wing, regardless of immigration status, should feel safe calling 911, reporting crimes, seeking help, or cooperating as a witness or victim. Red Wing officers do not stop, question, detain, or conduct checks based on immigration status. If Red Wing officers are present during any federal activity, it is only to address public safety concerns, protect people and property, and focus on de-escalation.

The City of Red Wing has clear internal policies and ongoing training for City staff on how to respond to federal requests, including federal agent access to City property and limits on assistance with civil immigration actions. The City of Red Wing protects residents' rights to access city services without fear of inquiries into their immigration status.

It takes each of us in Red Wing to form a caring and respectful community. We stand with our residents, our faith leaders, our educators, our businesses, and our community members who are acting every day to respond with courage and compassion.

Public safety and community trust must go hand in hand, and as City Council members, we support lawful public safety efforts while remaining steadfast in protecting the rights, dignity, and trust of every person who calls Red Wing home.

Regards,

  
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