

Resolution to ABOLISH ICE

Whereas the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was created in 2003 as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); and

Whereas ICE has an FY2018 budget of over \$8.67 billion, and employs over 20,000 persons and is looking to hire over 6,000 more support personnel; and

Whereas the duties performed by ICE were previously handled by other agencies, including the FBI and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP); and

Whereas ICE employs private, for-profit prisons and is the only law enforcement agency in the United States with a minimum detention quota, which rewards excessive detentions for questionable charges; and

Whereas ICE is largely unaccountable and self-regulating, and the DHS Office of Inspector General revealed that 1,224 sexual abuse complaints by immigrants in ICE custody were filed between Jan. 2010 and June 2017, but only 3% of those complaints were investigated; and

Whereas hundreds of detainees have died in ICE custody, many due to mistreatment and substandard care and abuse, much of which was covered up by ICE officials; and

Whereas ICE is currently detaining hundreds of children of asylum seekers, children of immigrants who have not committed any crime, in stark detention centers and cages;

Therefore be it resolved that the Snohomish County Democrats support a defunding of ICE under the DHS, triggering an abolition of ICE and redistribution of its duties to other, accountable agencies; and

Furthermore be it resolved that the human rights abuses allegedly conducted by ICE be immediately ended, whether by ICE or its successor agencies; and

Furthermore be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all members of Congress and Senate from Washington State.

Submitted by Jason Call, Snohomish County state committee member

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