



City of Cambridge

POR 2026-28
FIRST IN COUNCIL
February 9, 2026

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR AL-ZUBI

WHEREAS: As the Trump Administration continues its illegal and violent immigration enforcement efforts—including the killing of two people in Minnesota who were attempting to exercise their constitutionally protected right to free speech—legislative bodies and communities across the country, including this City Council, are taking steps to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS: In January, Washington State Representative Tarra Simmons introduced the [ICE Out Act of 2026, HB 2641](#), which “prohibits all Washington state law enforcement agencies from hiring anyone who was a sworn officer of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on or after January 20, 2025,” and similar legislation has been introduced in the Maryland legislature; and

WHEREAS: This City Council recognizes the Cambridge Police Department plays an important role in keeping our city safe, and we hold our officers to a high standard, providing ample training to limit the implicit bias we all hold and prioritize de-escalation, to ensure our officers earn the trust and respect of the city they serve; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a high standard for its law enforcement officers, most of whom carry a gun as part of their employment for the City, and this standard would be lowered if the City knowingly hired individuals who have shown a disregard for upholding our civil liberties and due process, abetted the extrajudicial killings of protesters and detainees, and a history of using violence and illegal tactics; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant City staff and departments to examine if and how the City may prevent the hiring by the Cambridge Police Department of any sworn officer who was by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, or Customs and Border Patrol; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

In City Council February 9, 2026.

Adopted as Amended by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Paula M. Crane, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paula M. Crane".

Paula M. Crane
Interim City Clerk