

**Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements -
Prohibition / SB0245**

Official Testimony
Position: **FAVORABLE**

To the **Judicial Proceedings Committee**,

My name is **Heather Thomas**, and I'm a **Rosedale** resident and a member of District **6**. I support SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

This bill will protect residents from ICE, especially immigrants and people of color.

I believe that passing of this bill is essential because every day I see more news stories about people being harassed and terrorized by ICE. ICE has proven themselves to be poorly trained and violent. They racially profile and disregard our constitutional rights. The idea of my local government cooperating with such a volatile organization makes me feel less safe.

Their disregard for public safety includes that of children. This week I saw news stories about ICE tear gassing a family of 6, including a 6 month old baby, and violently arresting a 17 year old U.S. citizen as he worked his shift at Target. As a mom of two, I would fear more for my children's safety if my local government is cooperating with ICE.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on **SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition**.

Sincerely,
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