Motion to Condemn ICE Operations in Venice and Greater Los Angeles

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted operations in the Venice community and throughout Los Angeles that have included warrantless raids, community surveillance, and arrests without proper judicial oversight;

WHEREAS, these operations have caused fear and trauma among residents, particularly immigrant and undocumented communities, regardless of citizenship status;

WHEREAS, such actions raise serious concerns about violations of constitutional protections, including the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guaranteeing due process of law;

WHEREAS, the Venice community is home to a diverse population, including immigrants who contribute significantly to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the values of the Venice Neighborhood Council include inclusion, equity, and the protection of civil and human rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council formally condemns ICE operations that violate due process, constitutional protections, and the dignity of individuals residing, working and going to school in, as well as visiting, our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council urges our city officials, including CD11 Councilmember Traci Park, Mayor Karen Bass, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto and Police Chief Jim McDonnell, to investigate and oppose any ICE activities that undermine civil liberties, and to provide support and legal resources for affected residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council commits to working with local officials to ensure that Venice remains a safe and welcoming community for all residents, workers, students and visitors, regardless of immigration status.