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RE: Request by the City of Boston to reject ICE staging facilities

To Parking Garage and Lot Owners in Boston,

Thank you for your important role in supporting Boston's economy and community. Your businesses keep our city running by connecting residents and employees to our shopping districts and neighborhood destinations, partnering to keep everyone safe during critical City operations like snow emergencies, and showcasing Boston as a global hub for tourism. Over this past summer, visitors from around the world marveled at Boston as a beautiful, welcoming, family-friendly city—with your smooth operations as a foundational part of our city's success hosting the World Cup, Tall Ships, and America's 250th.

Unfortunately, as these summer events concluded, on July 21, we received the distressing news that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued a [public notice](#) seeking "Surge Parking" facilities in 14 cities, including in Boston. Were ICE to procure such resources, it would constitute an unprovoked and unwarranted escalation, creating potentially significant risks to public safety and halting economic activity across our entire region.

ICE's threats against cities are not new. This federal administration has used ICE surge operations to attack peaceful American cities with deadly and disastrous consequences, from Biddeford, ME to Houston, TX. In February, following the fatal shootings of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, MN, I joined together with six other cities across Greater Boston and signed [Executive Orders](#) prohibiting ICE from staging its operations on municipal property and parking lots.

Today, I ask you to join us: Reject any proposition by ICE to facilitate an attack on the people of Boston.

In the face of escalating attacks on cities across the country, we have repeatedly seen that the strongest defense is solidarity. When government, business, and community leaders stand together, we protect public safety and advance the economic vitality that makes Boston thrive. We can ensure that Boston remains a safe, vibrant, and welcoming home for our residents, our workforce, and people from around the world.

Earlier today, the City [submitted a Freedom of Information Act request](#) for any local responses to ICE. We will keep you updated as we push for a response. Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston