

Brooks and Kaplan's Request for Information and Accountability

on "ICE" Actions in Oakland is Taken Off Calendar

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OAKLAND, CA – Oakland City Councilmembers Desley Brooks and Rebecca Kaplan took action last month to seek information and accountability for the controversial actions of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that took place in West Oakland on August 16, 2017. **This report was scheduled to come to the Public Safety Committee on November 14th, but was pulled at yesterday's Rules and Legislation Committee by Councilmembers Annie Campbell Washington and Abel Guillen.**

Many are unclear as to why the item was taken off calendar, Staff had already completed their report for the item and had published it on Legistar for public noticing and were fully prepared to report out on it. Both, the City Attorney's office and the Oakland Police Department Staff had not request for the item to be pulled, yet it was. Some are voicing their concerns that the item may have been pulled as an ask from the Mayor's Administration as an attempt to not agitate the current internal investigation of the Chief of Police. However, the requested report does not prove that it would have interfere with the investigation, it simply asks for facts and to reaffirm that the City of Oakland is a Sanctuary city which will not use any of its resources to assist with "ICE" or "HSI" requests.

[Click here for the link to the completed Staff report that was uploaded to Legistar for public noticing and then taken down yesterday after the item was pulled.](#)

"I think it's inappropriate to try to hide this report and vital that we clearly protect our community from "ICE"." says Kaplan.

Earlier this year, Councilmember Kaplan authored legislation to cut ties between OPD and ICE, and on July 18th, the full City Council unanimously passed Kaplan's [Resolution](#). The Resolution called for the City Administration to 'immediately' cut ties with ICE and HSI, but we've learned that this directive was not adhered to.

The Brooks and Kaplan request that was pulled asked for the following information:

- (1) A Chronological timeline and review of the August 16th HSI/ICE raid;
- (2) The date the OPD/ICE Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) was officially terminated;
- (3) Specifically set forth any and all Oakland police department involvement in, and tasks, at the HSI/ICE West Oakland raid on August 16th;
- (4) Number of officers and associated cost of OPD's involvement;
- (5) Respond to each question raised in the Privacy Commission's memo dated October 5, 2017
- (6) Recommendations for improvement in transparency, and compliance with Council approved policy regarding involvement with ICE.

Councilmember Brooks says, "There has been a significant amount of concern with respect to the raid that took place. The events surrounding the ICE operation were especially troubling because the City Council has set a sanctuary policy that bars any city employee, including police, from assisting federal immigration agents when they are enforcing civil immigration laws."

Councilmember Kaplan says, "As the Trump Administration continues to promote division and prejudice, and is using ICE to target people who have not committed crimes , we must make clear that we reject, and will not participate, in such actions. Programs that divert law enforcement resources, and make victims and witnesses afraid to come forward, make all of us less safe."

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