



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo – District 15

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 - doors open 5:15 p.m.

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*****Media Advisory, Updated Location: Sister Joel Read Conference Center*****

County & City Elected Officials Are Collaborating on a South Side Bilingual ICE Awareness Community Discussion

MILWAUKEE - Alderman Peter Burgelis, Milwaukee County Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo, Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa, Common Council President Alderman José Pérez, and Supervisors Caroline Gómez-Tom and Juan Miguel Martinez are reminding the community that they are holding a bilingual South Side community meeting focused on immigration rights, public safety, and preparedness in response to growing community concerns about potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in Milwaukee.

The community meeting, titled **“Safety in Numbers: Protecting Our Historically Immigrant South Side,”** will take place on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at the Sister Joel Read Conference Center. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m., and the program will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

“As an immigrant-rich community, the South Side deserves clear, accurate information and reassurance that our local institutions are focused on safety, dignity, and the rule of law,” said Alderman Peter Burgelis. *“This meeting is about empowering residents with knowledge, connecting them to trusted resources, and making sure people know they are not alone.”*

The event will provide residents with updates on current conditions, information on individual rights, and practical guidance on how families can be prepared and informed. Local leaders and community organizations will share resources and answer questions from attendees.

“Community safety starts with transparency and trust,” said Supervisor Capriolo. *“By bringing people together and sharing accurate information, we can reduce fear, combat misinformation, and strengthen our neighborhoods.”*

Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa emphasized the importance of accessibility and solidarity.

“Our South Side is strong because of its diversity and deep sense of community,” she said. *“This conversation is about standing together, ensuring residents know their rights, and reinforcing that Milwaukee is a city that values all of its people.”*

Featured guests will include Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman, Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita Ball, and representatives from community organizations including Voces de la Frontera and the Milwaukee Turners.

Residents are encouraged to attend and to share the event information widely. Additional information on immigration rights and responsibilities is available through the [City of Milwaukee’s Know Your Rights resources page](#) and [Milwaukee County resource page](#). Spanish translation and Spanish language materials will be available. ASL interpreters are also scheduled to attend. Other reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.

Event details (Updated location):

WHAT: Safety in Numbers: Protecting Our Historically Immigrant South Side — community meeting (English & Spanish, and ASL)

WHO: Alderman Peter Burgelis, Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo, Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa, Common Council President José Pérez, Supervisor Caroline Gómez-Tom, Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

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