

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY POLICING, DE-ESCALATION, AND THE PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, Renee Nicole Good was shot and killed during an encounter with federal immigration agents while attending a protest in Minneapolis, Minnesota, an incident that has raised serious public concern; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration agents have, in multiple recent incidents, been accused of using deadly force and detaining individuals participating in protest or observation activities; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration agents have detained hundreds of US citizens in recent months, often without charges or with charges dismissed by courts; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 1606 proclaims the City of Lake Forest Park a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community, and affirms the City's commitment to protecting civil rights and fostering trust between residents and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances," and that right includes the ability to protest unjust practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park and its police department are committed to community policing; and

WHEREAS, excessive force, abuse, or improper conduct by federal agents purporting to enforce the nation's laws threatens the trust that underpins the effectiveness of community policing and the lives, rights, and liberties of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department's top value is "the sanctity of all life," and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics states that the "fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice"; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Forest Park Police Department directive 2025-003 states that “when LFPPD officers respond to incidents where authentic armed federal agents may be involved, it is critical for LFPPD officers to safely self-identify and simultaneously confirm the identity of any law enforcement personnel from other agencies involved”; and

WHEREAS, RCW 10.120.020 requires law enforcement in the State of Washington to “use reasonable care when determining whether to use physical force or deadly force and when using any physical force or deadly force against another person,” to “when possible, use all de-escalation tactics that are available and appropriate under the circumstances before using physical force,” and to “use the least amount of physical force necessary to overcome resistance under the circumstances”; and

WHEREAS, RCW 10.93.190 requires “Any identifiable [Washington] on-duty peace officer who witnesses another [Washington] peace officer engaging or attempting to engage in the use of excessive force against another person shall intervene when in a position to do so to end the use of excessive force or attempted use of excessive force, or to prevent the further use of excessive force. A peace officer shall also render aid at the earliest safe opportunity in accordance with RCW 36.28A.445 to any person injured as a result of the use of force”; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lake Forest Park take pride in our tradition of nonviolent protest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council declares its solidarity with the people of Minneapolis as they mourn the death of Renee Nicole Good and address community concerns regarding federal law enforcement activity.

Section 2. The City Council declares its sympathies to Renee Nicole Good's wife, children, and loved ones.

Section 3. The City Council reaffirms that the Lake Forest Park Police Department emphasizes de-escalation and community policing and supports residents peacefully exercising their constitutional rights to assemble, and to observe and/or document law enforcement. Further, the City Council reaffirms that Lake Forest Park Police Department personnel, if possible, confirm the identity of federal law enforcement agents when responding to incidents potentially involving federal law enforcement actions taking place within the City.

Section 4. Nothing in this resolution is intended to regulate or direct federal law enforcement agencies performing lawful operations.

Section 5. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 22nd day of January 2026.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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