

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 on January 7, 2026 during an encounter with federal immigration agents while attending a protest in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Alex Pretti was shot and killed on January 24, 2026 during an encounter with federal immigration agents while attending a protest in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since January 2025, federal immigration agents have caused at least six other fatalities, dozens of shootings, and numerous injuries, and have been accused of using deadly force and detaining individuals exercising their legal rights to assemble and protest; 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, 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 deaths of Renee Nicole Good, Alex Pretti, and others killed or otherwise harmed by federal immigration agents.

Section 2. The City Council declares its sympathies to the families and friends of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti.

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, do the following if possible: confirm the identity of federal law enforcement agents, act to prevent impersonation of legitimate law enforcement officers, and, if reasonably safe to do so, facilitate or render necessary medical aid.

Section 4. The City Council requests that the Mayor evaluate the potential to prohibit civil federal immigration authorities from using property that is City owned and controlled for civil immigration enforcement activities such as staging and detention. These properties include, but are not limited to City parks, parking lots, vacant lots, or storage facilities. Further, federal immigration authorities are not permitted to enter the non-public portions of City buildings without a judicial warrant.

Section 5. Nothing in this resolution is intended to regulate or direct federal law enforcement agencies performing lawful operations within their federal duties.

Section 6. 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 12th day of February 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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