



# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

DATE SUBMITTED	1/26/2026	DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING	2/4/2026
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**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT:** (If needed, use a separate sheet of paper)

City Council and government to address ICE presence in our community

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

See Attached

**REASONS FOR REQUESTED ACTION:**

See Attached

We have Julio Zelaya  
scheduled to be the  
spokesperson for the  
group.

Please list and supply any hand-outs and/or audio-visual materials.

We will have a handout for the Council - I can submit  
to you as soon as I receive it - If not in time for  
copied - we will bring the necessary copies for  
everyone.

Signature: Jon Wilson

*The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Agenda Requests must be submitted by 12:00 PM the Thursday before the City Council meeting to be considered. This format gives citizens an opportunity to express concerns to the council without expectation of discussion or action. No more than two (2) people should speak on the same topic at one meeting. Citizens should be directed to the council as a whole and not to any individual member or department head.*

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**Action Requested:**

Watonwan County Cares requests time on the City Council agenda to demand a clear, enforceable policy from the City of St. James and its Police Department regarding interaction with ICE operations within city limits. While recognizing federal authority, the City must take a firm stance against intimidation tactics that have created fear and instability in our community. We further request that the City prohibit ICE vehicles from using taxpayer-funded facilities and property, which residents have repeatedly observed in recent weeks.

**Reasons for Requested Action:**

The continued silence from City leadership has been interpreted by many residents as indifference to the fear and disruption occurring in our community. Families are afraid to shop locally, send their children to school, or participate in daily life—directly harming our economy, educational outcomes, and social cohesion. Residents are demanding accountability, transparency, and leadership. The absence of public guidance or reassurance from the Mayor, City Council, or Police Department has allowed fear to escalate unchecked. This situation requires immediate and public action to reaffirm the City's responsibility to protect all residents and uphold community trust.