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Offered by Councillor Jackson

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**CITY OF BOSTON
FOR CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CREATE AN
IMMIGRANT DEFENSE FUND**

WHEREAS, President Trump signed a series of anti-immigrant executive orders last week, including one threatening funding to sanctuary cities;

WHEREAS, Although the number of undocumented workers in Boston is unknown, the Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform estimates at least 10,000 undocumented Irish workers;

WHEREAS, Cities across the United States have created Immigrant Defense Funds, including Chicago, DC, LA, San Francisco, and Oakland;

WHEREAS, It costs more than \$10,000 per person to deport them. It costs between \$2,000-7,000 for a legal defense;

WHEREAS, According to the California Coalition for Universal Representation, immigrants facing deportation are 4 times more likely to win their case if they have an attorney; if they have been detained they are 7 times more likely to win.

WHEREAS, Boston has always worked with the proper authorities when someone commits a crime, but we must not punish a group of people for the wrongdoings of a few; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss revenue streams to create a pilot immigrant defense fund for indigent persons in detention for civil immigration violations. Those invited to provide perspective will include the Office for Immigrant Advancement, along with other interested parties."