

DRAFT: ANC 3C Resolution 2025-XXX:
Regarding the Identifiability of Federal Agents and Officers Operating in the
District of Columbia

WHEREAS, following President Donald J. Trump's declaration of a "crime emergency" in the District of Columbia on August 11, 2025,¹ a number of federal agencies have deployed in increasing numbers within the District, including but not limited to Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Customs and Border Protection; the U.S. Secret Service; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the U.S. Marshals Service; the U.S. Park Police; and the Diplomatic Security Service;² and

WHEREAS, federal agents and officers have in some instances been observed conducting enforcement activity "without clear identification of their agencies" being visible to the public, whether in the form of identifying clothing, badges, or otherwise;³ and

WHEREAS, federal agents and officers have frequently been observed wearing vests that say only "POLICE," "FEDERAL AGENT," and/or "FEDERAL OFFICER," without reference to their specific agencies or directorates;⁴ and

WHEREAS, federal agents and officers have frequently been observed wearing masks or balaclavas during enforcement activity, further complicating identification and accountability,⁵ and part of an alarming trend in federal enforcement operations nationwide over the past several months;⁶ and

¹ "Executive Order 14333 of August 11, 2025, Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia," Federal Register 90, no. 155 (August 14, 2025): 39301, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-14/pdf/2025-15550.pdf>.

² Vera Bergengruen, Michelle Hackman, and Lara Seligman, "Trump's 'Law and Order' Push in D.C. Looks a Lot Like an Immigration Raid," *The Wall Street Journal*, August 20, 2025, [wsj.com/us-news/trump-dc-immigration-raid-ab03b4bc](https://www.wsj.com/us-news/trump-dc-immigration-raid-ab03b4bc).

³ Dan Rosenzweig-Ziff, Katie Mettler, Teo Armus, and Emma Uber, "Federal Officers Detain, Tackle Moped Driver amid Trump D.C. Police Crackdown," *The Washington Post*, August 17, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/08/17/dc-arrests-violent-takedown-immigration/>.

⁴ See, e.g., "Neighbors Protest as Federal Officers Arrest Two Men in D.C.," *The Washington Post*, August 21, 2025, https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/local/neighbors-protest-as-federal-officers-arrest-two-men-in-dc/2025/08/21/af3c611e-8abc-4a75-9936-e262e92f6228_video.html.

⁵ Olivia George and Emma Uber, "On Trump's Order, Dozens Arrested Daily in D.C. The Details Are Hidden," *The Washington Post*, August 19, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/08/19/trump-crime-arrest-reports-hidden/>.

⁶ Jack Healy, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, and Mike Baker, "A Video From Tufts Captures the Fear and Aggression in Trump's Crackdown," *The New York Times*, March 27, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/27/us/politics/tufts-ice-crackdown.html>; Eric Levenson, "Masked Agents and Public Arrests: A Closer Look at ICE's Increasingly Aggressive Tactics," CNN, August 25, 2025,

WHEREAS, conducting enforcement activity without clear identification controverts the initial assurance by the White House that federal personnel deployed to the District would “be identified, in marked units, and highly visible”;⁷ and

WHEREAS, conducting enforcement activity without clear identification hinders transparency, accountability, and due process, while engendering fear and mistrust among policed populations; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department, recognizing the risks inherent to anonymous law enforcement, upholds strict standards on the availability and visibility of badges, name tags, and identification cards whenever its members are in uniform;⁸ therefore be it

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission calls upon the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the District’s federal representatives, and the Council of the District of Columbia to convey to their federal interlocutors the urgent need to develop clear policies on identifiability and the use of face coverings for federal personnel while conducting overt enforcement activities; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission urges the Office of the Attorney General to publicize information about federal agencies’ policies on the identifiability of their personnel, and about the appropriate channels for reporting violations to the respective agencies’ offices of professional responsibility, civil rights and civil liberties, or the like; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission applauds the efforts of legislators in other states, cognizant of potential preemption challenges, to restrict the use of face coverings and anonymous uniforms by law enforcement officers, including federal personnel,⁹ and recommends that the Council of the District of Columbia consider taking similar measures; and be it further

<https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/25/us/masks-arrests-ice-tactics-immigration>; Ray Sanchez and Alisha Ebrahimji, “Masked ICE Officers: The New Calling Card of the Trump Administration’s Immigration Crackdown,” CNN, June 21, 2025, <https://www.cnn.com/us/ice-immigration-officers-face-masks>.

⁷ Chris Cameron, “Trump Orders Surge of Law Enforcement in Washington, D.C.,” *The New York Times*, August 7, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/07/us/politics/trump-washington-dc-federal-police.html>.

⁸ General Order 110.11, “Uniform, Equipment, and Appearance Standards,” District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, <https://mpdc.dc.gov/node/423092>.

⁹ Josh Sanders and Bill Seiders, “Pennsylvania Democrats Push Bill to Ban Masked ICE Agents, Increase Transparency in Law Enforcement,” CBS News Philadelphia, August 14, 2025, <https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/pennsylvania-democrats-ban-ice-masks/>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission calls upon the District's federal representatives to work to advance legislative remedies at the federal level, such as the Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act, recently introduced in the United States Senate, which would require immigration enforcement officers, as well as other law enforcement officers detailed or deputized to perform immigration enforcement functions, to display their agency name and either their surname or their badge number during overt, public-facing enforcement activities, and would prohibit such officers from wearing non-medical face coverings except in limited circumstances;¹⁰ and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission affirms its commitment to implementing community-based models of policing that foster familiarity, mutual respect, and trust between law enforcement and policed populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C02 and/or their approved designees represent the Commission on this matter.

¹⁰ U.S. Congress, *Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement Act (VISIBLE Act) of 2025*, S 2212, 119th Cong., 1st sess., introduced in the Senate July 8, 2025, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/2212>.