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There are many issues on campus that should and could be addressed, but I want to focus on the possible impact of ICE raids towards our campus at this time. ICE raids have been an active problem globally in our society, a tactic which was originally set up to target dangerous criminals, but has ultimately gone left and has been racially targeting harmless immigrants of all ages (ones with no criminal records), even American citizens who seem to “fit” their profile. We have seen the violence federal agents have used unprovoked to insure fear in our community, on our people. ICE, as a whole, is a serious problem which unfortunately cannot be put to a global stop at this time, but it is possible to protect and support the faculty and students on our campus.

Students shouldn't have to worry about if their school is with them or against them. Vimal Patel, *Florida Universities have Partnered With ICE*, The New York Times, brought to light the anxiety caused among students after its been reported to be agreements between multiple Florida universities and federal ICE agents, which includes “authority to conduct immigration enforcement and access to databases..”. More recently, Jess Natal (so.informed) made an instagram post informing people that on February 26, 2026 a student from Colombia, a neighboring school of CCNY, was put at risk at her Colombia-owned apartment when federal agents gained access under false pretenses to detain her. Mayor Mamdani made sure to shed light on the incident and fortunately she was later released, but how can CCNY students continue to feel safe on campus after such an incident occurring 1 mile away. Many detainees have not had

the same luck of being released, administrators should reassure their students of where they are safe on campus and inform them of their protocol.

CCNY has sent out both an admin email and student email regarding resources available like requesting legal consultations with an attorney to any member of CCNY who is being impacted. The issue with this is merely the fact, to students, it was sent out only once at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Another email which was sent out rather recently at the start of spring semester included a small portion informing students about CUNY stance and support with immigrants, only after starting off more than the first half of the email talking about generative AI. An email as such will easily be missed by students if the email starts off completely unrelated to the current issue. Emails can be an effective way of reaching out to students who truly are impacted by the situation. If the administration is truly looking to give clarity on their position then it deserves to be stated in its own email followed with a statement on social media directly stating they are not allowing ICE onto campus or the requirement for a judicial warrant.

Nowadays, students may be more likely to view a social media post before an email, it can start with a permanent post on the official CCNY instagram page. These posts can include the information about attorney consultations, what to do if students see federal agents near campus like where they can go, or who they can immediately contact. Emails should be sent out weekly the very least for students who don't rely so much on social media. CCNY websites should be updated regarding what spaces are considered private property or public space that federal agents legally can access, as the last statement(blog) regarding that information related to immigration was posted in 2017. Information regarding immigration should be easily accessed, easily run across, and not something that is buried. It is also important to remind students that

they are given a free space to conduct clubs to support one another and how someone would go about it. Administration can play a major role in supporting students, but students can also help each other by simply taking it upon themselves to possibly form a student club that can be provided as a safe place to share the emotions and stress impacted students are living through day by day. Providing a space where people are there to be listened to by others who experience similar feelings, not forced to receive advice if it's not wanted.

ICE on campus will not only impact students/faculty, but also their families. It causes a tremendous amount of stress to those affected by this situation. I conducted a personal interview with a close family member of mine, who is an immigrant father to a college student, about his personal effects and thoughts on how this issue affects the community on our campus. He expressed the fear he shares with others who are at risk of being deported by simply leaving their homes to go to work, pick up their children or even go grocery shopping. He provided an example regarding his challenges as a Super Intendant having to buy supplies from Home Depot, but being fearful of going as ICE has been seen racially profiling people at businesses like Home Depot, Bjs, Costco, etc. He came to the U.S. from Mexico at just 8 months old, pays taxes, has no criminal record, has been in the process of a green card since 2020 but was delayed due to COVID-19 and now the fear of having to travel to Mexico to plead his case, not knowing if he will be approved or forced to stay. The thought, fear, and frustration of being detained affects his day to day life. I proceeded to ask him how the possibility of ICE on campus possibly adds to his concerns. He went on to say that although his daughter is a U.S. citizen, it has been known that ICE agents have been wrongfully detaining citizens based on racial profiling and have even gone to the extremes of creating life-threatening situations. He dwells at the possibility of this type of situation occurring all because his daughter is going to college, a place he believes should not

allow federal agents to conduct investigations. Being left to contemplate how he would be able to help her, without also putting himself at a greater risk of deportation. Although being detained himself gives him a great fear, he wouldn't care for his safety in a situation where his child is in need of help.

It is important for our campus to acknowledge what is going on, and to act with the intentions of protecting our campus. Giving students reassurance that CCNY is a place they will receive support and can continue to focus on their education. The goal should be to contribute in hopefully bringing their fears down at least while they are on campus grounds.