

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Darby**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Wilmington is dedicated to a “Transparent and Well-Represented Wilmington,” ensuring that all its residents are treated with safety, dignity, and respect for their human rights, and recognizes that inclusivity is the foundation of the City’s strength and continual prosperity; and

WHEREAS, it has been well-documented that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has carried out deportation flights in which people are shackled, denied basic necessities, and sent to unsafe and unlawful detention facilities, acts that violate fundamental human rights and due process; and

WHEREAS, Avelo Airlines has entered into federal contracts worth an estimated \$150 million to directly profit from deportation flights that inflict harm on vulnerable individuals and families, which makes them complicit in these injustices; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington refuses to see public funds used to reward or enable any company that supports deportation operations, as doing so would contradict our values and make the city complicit in injustice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has the power and responsibility to ensure that every taxpayer dollar upholds, rather than undermines, our principles of fairness, equity, and respect for human rights. Entering into or maintaining contracts with Avelo Airlines or any company that collaborates with ICE or profits from deportation activities is contrary to these principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body urges the Administration of the City of Wilmington not to enter into or maintain contracts with any company that collaborates with

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or profits from deportation-related activities, including, but not limited to, Avelo Airlines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative body urges all City departments, agencies, and affiliates to review their existing and potential contracts and immediately avoid or terminate any relationship with companies involved in immigration enforcement or deportation activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative body encourages other municipalities, public institutions, and entities to adopt similar measures, making clear that public resources will never be used to support cruelty, human rights violations, or attacks on due process.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution urges the Administration of the City of Wilmington not to enter into or maintain contracts with any company that collaborates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or profits from deportation-related activities, including, but not limited to, Avelo Airlines.