



Cornell University

University Assembly

U.A. Resolution #17

Calling on Cornell to End All Ties With Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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5 **ABSTRACT:** This resolution is calling on Cornell to absolve all ties with U.S. Immigration and
6 Customs Enforcement (ICE), including but not limited to recruitment, education, training,
7 research, and technological equipment and software.

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9 **Whereas,** Cornell has historically invited ICE to participate in on-campus recruitment, and;
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11 **Whereas,** Cornell has invited ICE-affiliated companies such as Palantir and Anduril to on-
12 campus recruitment events, and;

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14 **Whereas,** Palantir and Anduril, as well as other ICE-affiliated companies assist ICE in tracking,
15 detaining, and deporting migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, and;

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17 **Whereas,** Cornell has multiple contracts with ICE-affiliated companies for education and
18 training services and technological equipment, and;

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20 **Whereas,** ICE has a long and well-documented history of brutality, including raids, deportations,
21 and family separations at the border, as well as the destruction of families who have lived in our
22 country and communities for decades, and;

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24 **Whereas**, ICE has consistently posed a threat to individuals' civil liberties, including but not
25 limited to: "the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, the
26 constitutional guarantee of due process, and the constitutional guarantee of equal protection and
27 freedom from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, and national origin," and;

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29 **Whereas**, in 2020, a report conducted by the ACLU, Human Rights Watch, and National
30 Immigrant Justice Center exposed a wide range of human rights abuses occurring in ICE
31 detention centers, including but not limited to: unsanitary living conditions, inadequate or
32 nonexistent medical care, indefinite detainment, and general cruel treatment, and;

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34 **Whereas**, in September 2020, a whistleblower revealed that ICE had been performing forced
35 and coerced sterilization procedures on immigrants in detention centers, and;

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37 **Whereas**, Cornell is home to a community of undocumented students as well students from
38 mixed-status families, and;

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40 **Whereas**, the President of Johns Hopkins University stated, "But if our school is to live up to its
41 stated values of free intellectual inquiry, human rights, human flourishing, and 'knowledge for
42 the world,' it cannot do so while assisting ICE agents," and;

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44 **Whereas**, Cornell similarly cannot live up to these principles or its motto, "Any Person, Any
45 Study," while aiding and abetting the U.S. government agencies that oppress, persecute, and
46 deport undocumented community members, and;

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48 **Whereas**, the Cornell University Chapter of the American Association of University
49 Professors has expressed support for efforts to cut ties with ICE, and;

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51 **Whereas**, the following organizations expressed their support for the resolution within the
52 Student Assembly bill text:

53 1. **Cornell DREAM Team**



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- 54 **2. Cornell Anti-Detention Alliance**
- 55 **3. Cornell Abolitionist and Revolutionary Society**
- 56 **4. La Asociación Latina**
- 57 **5. International Student Union**
- 58 **6. Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell**
- 59 **7. Cornell American Civil Liberties Union**
- 60 **8. Arab Student Association at Cornell**
- 61 **9. Contigo Peru**
- 62 **10. Cornell Roosevelt Institute**
- 63 **11. First Generation Student Union**
- 64 **12. CUSLAR: Committee on U.S.-Latin American Relations**
- 65 **13. South Asian Council**
- 66 **14. Do Better Cornell**
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68 **Whereas**, a similar resolution was passed by the Student Assembly on Thursday, March 25th,
69 2021.

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71 **Be it therefore resolved**, the University Assembly calls on the Cornell University to boycott and
72 ban recruitment attempts on the part of companies that do business with ICE and ICE-affiliated
73 companies, and;

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75 **Be it further resolved**, the University Assembly calls on Cornell University to refuse to
76 participate in research funded by ICE or DHS and other elements of the military-prison-
77 industrial-financial-security complex, and;

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79 **Be it finally resolved**, the University Assembly calls on Cornell University to abolish all
80 professional, academic, and financial ties with ICE and its affiliates.