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Special Newsletter: Immigration & Safety

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Hello, this is Rep. Marvin Lim, with a special newsletter of immigration and safety - with urgent actions you take to help immigrants and safety in our Norcross/Tucker/Lilburn community. The work I've been doing isn't new, but the urgency is higher than ever. **-Rep. Marvin Lim**

Take Action:

HELP IMMIGRANTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN NORCROSS

SIGN my (Rep. Marvin Lim's) petition to get ICE out of Gwinnett: <https://sign.moveon.org/p/gwinnetticeout> (learn: <https://marvinlimforga.com/safety#gwinnett-policies>)

JOIN our existing LOCAL Community Ambassador program (paid or volunteer): learn how to bring critical safety info/resources/ Know Your Rights training to your neighborhood. Contact: (404) 585-7715 or marvinlimforga@marvinlimforga.com

CALL/EMAIL the Georgia House: say "I want a hearing on HB 1053" – the bill I wrote to end local law enforcement cooperation with ICE: (404) 656-0325 | clint.crowe@house.ga.gov

CALL US Senate AND House: say "Do not fund ICE in the spending bill"; Senate & House MUST agree on the spending bill for DHS to get continued funds: use Capitol switchboard @ (202) 224-3121



AYUDE A LOS INMIGRANTES Y A LA SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA EN NORCROSS

FIRME mi petición (del Representante Marvin Lim) para que ICE se retire de Gwinnett: <https://sign.moveon.org/p/gwinnetticeout> (más información: <https://marvinlimforga.com/safety#gwinnett-policies>)

ÚNASE a nuestro programa local de Embajadores Comunitarios (remunerado o voluntario): aprenda cómo brindar información y recursos esenciales sobre seguridad, así como capacitación sobre sus derechos, a su vecindario. Contacto: (404) 585-7715 o marvinlimforga@marvinlimforga.com

LLAME/ENVÍE un correo electrónico a la Cámara de Representantes de Georgia: diga "Quiero una audiencia sobre el proyecto de ley HB 1053", el proyecto de ley que presenté para poner fin a la cooperación de las fuerzas del orden locales con ICE: (404) 656-0325 | clint.crowe@house.ga.gov

LLAME al Senado y a la Cámara de Representantes de EE. UU.: diga "No financien a ICE en el proyecto de ley de gastos"; el Senado y la Cámara deben llegar a un acuerdo sobre el proyecto de ley de gastos para que el DHS reciba fondos continuos: use la centralita del Capitolio al (202) 224-3121



JOIN our existing LOCAL Community Ambassador program (paid or volunteer): learn how to bring critical safety info/resources/KYR training to your neighborhood, inc. on ICE activity. Contact: marvinlimforga@marvinlimforga.com or (404) 585-7715. And if you know anyone locally at-risk for any reasons of safety, we have confidential services available - just reach out. (And even if you're not an Ambassador, please let me know what you're seeing in the community; since last April, I have attempted to verify each and every report I get.)

SIGN my petition to get ICE out of Gwinnett: <https://sign.moveon.org/p/gwinnetticeout> (& learn how Gwinnett gov't does/does not work with ICE: <https://marvinlimforga.com/safety#gwinnett-policies> – more on this below). You can also sign a second petition I created, to demand our Georgia Department of Public Safety, including Georgia State Patrol, stop their formal agreement to cooperate with ICE: <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/georgia-stop-cooperating-with-ice>

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**REP. LIM'S HB 1053
TO REPEAL HB 1105**
(MANDATED STATE/LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION)

- **repeals HB 1105's requirement for:**
 - **local jails to verify** immigration status, inc. with **ICE, & to comply with ICE detainees**
 - **law enforcement to take person into custody (vs. issue citation)** for certain misdemeanor traffic violations if lawful status not verified
 - **law enforcement to request ICE cooperation agreements**
 - **jails to report on inmate immigration status**
- **removes pre-HB 1105:**
 - **authority for voluntary ICE agreements** entirely
 - **requirement for law enforcement to verify immigration status for any person suspected of crime**
 - **punishment of perceived "sanctuary cities"**
- **requires law enforcement to process U-visa and T-visas** for victims of violence or trafficking that aid law enforcement investigations



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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - SAVE THE DATE: I've got more Know Your Rights trainings scheduled on Tue, Feb. 17, 7pm, virtual w/National Immigration Project AND on Wed, Feb. 18, 7pm, at Iglesia Universal @ 6081 Singleton w/Gaeta & Diaz, Esq. More info to come. We've also put out a wealth of information on your rights. Please see the printed/digital materials here: <https://marvinlimfora.com/safety>:

- rights cards in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, and Arabic
- best practices on reporting suspected ICE/immigration enforcement presence
- info on representing yourself ("pro se") in deportation proceedings, with Michael Urbina, Esq.
- YouTube videos, on your rights at home (English: <https://youtube.com/shorts/uEabMObgg4A> and Spanish: <https://youtube.com/shorts/atfBhJK0LIM>) and in public (English: <https://youtube.com/shorts/dp6dUnvjNig> and Spanish: <https://youtube.com/shorts/2fd1BMWNVck>)



**Know Your Rights:
ICE/Law Enforcement in Public**

- Do not run away.
- If they question you, ask “What is your name and badge number?” Also: “Am I free to leave?”
- If they ask for ID, provide only current US-issued documents.
- If they ask to search you, say “I do not consent to a search.”
- You always have the right to remain silent. Say “I choose to remain silent (until I have a lawyer).”
- Don't sign anything.





**Conozca sus derechos
ICE/agencias del orden público
en público**

- No huya.
- Si le hablan, pregunte: “What is your name and badge number?” y “Am I free to leave?”
- Si le piden identificación, proporcione solo documentos vigentes emitidos en EE. UU.
- Si le piden que lo registren, diga: “I do not consent to a search.”
- Siempre tiene derecho a guardar silencio. Diga “I choose to remain silent (until I have a lawyer).”
- No firme nada.





Sheriff: This week, Advancing Justice reported to me that the Gwinnett Sheriff was engaging in masked activities (wearing balaklavas) in my district re: gangs, around the same places where ICE activity has been happening. Not ok. That’s why, working with some advocates, I’ve created a MoveOnpetition to Sheriff Taylor to stop these terrible practices. Petition: <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/get-ice-out-of-gwinnett>. The petition also calls on the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, which funds the Sheriff’s office, and Gwinnett County Public Schools to demand change from the Sheriff. (And, again, you can also sign a second petition I created, to demand our Georgia Department of Public Safety, including Georgia State Patrol, stop their formal agreement to cooperate with ICE: <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/georgia-stop-cooperating-with-ice>)



Gwinnett County Police Department: thank you to them for their transparency re: its procedures on how they train their law enforcement on HB 1105, while also upholding standards like anti-bias. I compiled these documents in the repository: <https://www.marvinlimforga.com/safety#gwinnett-policies>



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Re: Clarification on the Gwinnett County Police Department's policies and practices related to immigration enforcement

Representative Lim:

Thank you for your recent correspondence seeking clarity on the Gwinnett County Police Department's practices related to immigration enforcement, including its response to the requirements of the recently passed HB 1105. I understand that many of our citizens are concerned about this legislation and recent efforts to enforce federal immigration law undertaken by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. GCPD is committed to improving the public's trust in the department and its officers, so I will strive to answer your questions as best and as fully as I can.

It is important to understand that as law enforcement officers we are required to comply with, enforce, and uphold the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as federal and local laws. Last year, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024, commonly known as HB 1105. This Act requires that local law enforcement officers seek to verify the immigration status of any individual 18 years of age or older for whom probable cause is developed to make an arrest or issue a citation for a criminal offense. Immigration status verification will be noted in an officer's arrest report or citation. This requirement does not apply to other individuals who encounter law enforcement, be they victims, witnesses, or bystanders. The law also requires local law enforcement agencies to seek to enter into Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums of Agreement with the U.S. Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, or others for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws, but it does not mandate that we do so. The Gwinnett County Police Department has complied with all requirements of HB 1105.

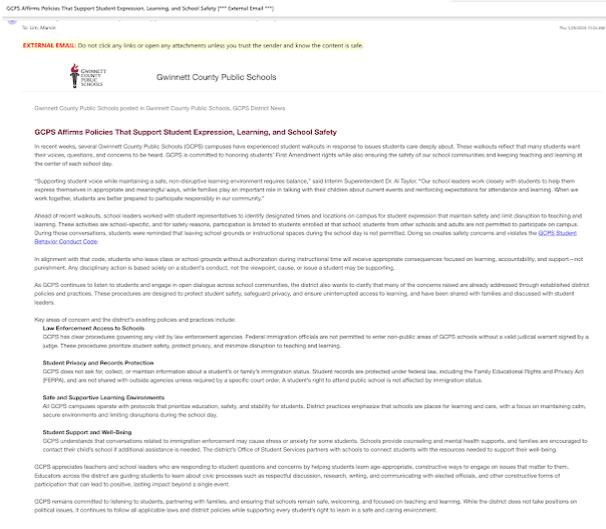
To best respond to each of your questions, I have attached written department directives that address various scenarios that our officers encounter as well as training aids provided to all personnel. As I am sure you are aware, situations requiring a law enforcement response are often dynamic and responses depend upon many ever-changing factors. The attached orders and directives guide our officers in their responses. I hope that they provide you with the answers that you seek.

The mission of the Gwinnett County Police Department is to serve the community by delivering law enforcement services in an unbiased and compassionate manner. Our fundamental duty is to serve the citizens of Gwinnett County regardless of their race, ethnicity, or national origin. We answer calls for service no matter who makes the call, and we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

J.D. McClure
Chief of Police
Gwinnett County Police Department

Gwinnett County Public Schools: thank you for supporting students’ expression AND the right for students to feel safe and included, regardless of perceived status, in schools. Last week, I asked GCPS to further publicize its procedures and protections, and I’m thankful they did so again today via ParentSquare. I’ve uploaded relevant documents in the repository: <https://www.marvinlimforga.com/safety#gwinnett-policies>



Meadowcreek & McClure High: I also wanted to relay information I received from both school Meadowcreek and McClure, re: the walkouts. Student protest and exercise of First Amendment rights is how much of the change has come about, not just in the United States, but across the world. We should continue to protect and encourage them. If any Meadowcreek cluster student or parent has questions or concerns, and do not immediately wish to reach out to the school, please reach out to me at marvin.lim@house.ga.gov or 404.585.7715.



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INFO RE: STUDENT WALKOUT AT MEADOWCREEK HIGH/OTHER GCPS SCHOOLS

Student protest and exercise of First Amendment rights are how much of the change has come about, not just in the United States, but across the world. We should continue to protect and encourage these rights. In that point, re student walkouts at Meadowcreek High and other GCPS schools last week, I wanted to relay the information I obtained from Dr. Wood, MHS Principal, to make school response transparent even more broadly.

Upon hearing of the planned walkout, the school communicated with students beforehand, as well parents via ParentSquare, in multiple languages. For reasons of safety, students participated were told to remain on school property. Students who did so received an unexcused absence, as they would in other cases. Students who left the property were considered AWOL, which is then treated on a case-by-case basis.

If any Meadowcreek cluster student or parent has questions or concerns, and do not immediately wish to reach out to the school, please reach out to me at marvin.lim@house.ga.gov or 404.585.7715.

Las protestas estudiantiles y el ejercicio de los derechos amparados por la Primera Enmienda han sido responsables de gran parte de los cambios que se han producido, no solo en Estados Unidos, sino en todo el mundo. Debemos seguir protegiendo y fomentando esos derechos. En relación con las huelgas estudiantiles en la Escuela Preparatoria Meadowcreek y otras escuelas del distrito escolar de Gwinnett (GCPS) la semana pasada, quería compartir la información que obtuve del Dr. Wood, director de MHS, para que la respuesta de la escuela sea aún más transparente.

Al enterarse de la huelga planificada, la escuela se comunicó con los estudiantes con anticipación, así como con los padres a través de ParentSquare, en varios idiomas. Por razones de seguridad, se les indicó a los estudiantes participantes que permanecieran en las instalaciones escolares. Los estudiantes que lo hicieron recibieron una falta injustificada, como ocurriría en otros casos. Los estudiantes que abandonaron las instalaciones fueron considerados ausentes sin permiso, lo cual se trata caso por caso.

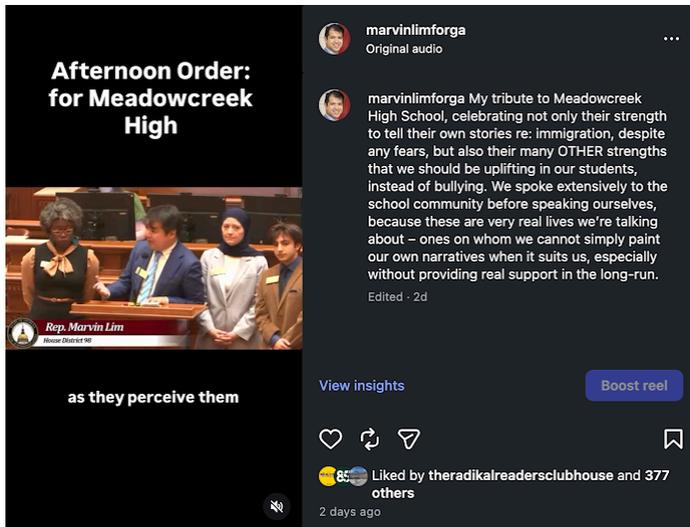
Si algún estudiante o padre de familia del área de Meadowcreek tiene preguntas o inquietudes y no desea comunicarse directamente con la escuela, puede contactarme en marvin.lim@house.ga.gov o al 404.585.7715.

REP. MARVIN LIM

Last Word – Love for this Community

Celebrating Meadowcreek High/the Meadowcreek cluster: At the Capitol, I also did a tribute to Meadowcreek High School, celebrating not only their strength to tell their own stories re: immigration, despite any fears, but also their many OTHER strengths that we should be uplifting in our students, instead of bullying. We spoke extensively to the school community before speaking ourselves, because these are very real lives we're talking about – ones on whom we cannot simply paint our own narratives when it suits

us, especially without providing real support in the long-run. Video here: <https://www.instagram.com/marvinlimforga/reel/DUEG1BwD5IN>



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