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Members of Council
City of Toronto
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Dear Councillors:

As the first World Cup to be co-hosted by three nations, FIFA World Cup 2026™ will showcase the value of international cooperation in achieving shared objectives and strengthening ties with our neighboring nations. An essential part of this cooperation is the extraordinary joint efforts of the United States, Canada, and Mexico to ensure the safety of the event.

Regarding the March 18 motion “No ICE in Toronto,” we wish to inform you that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has never planned to deploy agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to Canada for FIFA World Cup 2026™.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), a component of ICE within DHS, operates in close partnership with Canadian law enforcement to combat transnational crime and protect communities on both sides of the border. HSI special agents investigate and enforce laws related to transnational crime, including human trafficking, child exploitation, weapons and drug smuggling, financial fraud, and more.

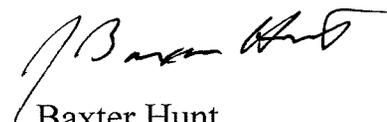
Here is a sample of the results from HSI’s longstanding and productive relationship with Canada:

- HSI supported investigations that led to 20 individuals facing over 700 charges for trafficking illicit substances in Cornwall and firearms in Ottawa and Akwesasne.

- In Operation Dual Approach with the Ontario Provincial Police, HSI helped seize 106 illegal firearms--Ontario's largest seizure of handguns and assault-style rifles--and disrupted a transnational firearms smuggling organization.
- HSI shared critical intelligence that led to the arrest of a Canadian citizen in Ontario on 40 charges related to child pornography.
- HSI and partners took down a major international drug trafficking operation in Ontario exploiting Canadian mail services.
- Joint investigations led to arrests in a sophisticated smuggling operation using the Akwesasne territory to move firearms, marijuana, and currency across the border.
- In Operation Renewed Hope, HSI led a global effort to identify 311 child victims of sexual exploitation--some in cases that had gone cold for decades. Advanced technology generated new leads, resulting in rescues and arrests in both Canada and the United States.
- In a case that began with the Saanich Police Department in British Columbia, HSI worked with Canadian authorities to identify and arrest a Los Angeles man who preyed on dozens of children online, including a 12-year-old girl in Canada.
- HSI supported a London, Ontario-based investigation that led to 214 charges laid against 11 individuals for trafficking of illegal firearms, fentanyl, and cocaine.

HSI's work in Canada is about partnership, public safety, and upholding the law. We remain committed to working with our Canadian counterparts to keep our communities safe. I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this further if you wish.

Sincerely,



Baxter Hunt
Consul General