



## **Week of Action Welcome Packet**

*February 25—March 1, 2026*

### **Important Week of Action Contacts**

For safety & security concerns, call **763-204-0879**

To share photos, videos, & testimonials from the week, message **@woacomms.99** on Signal

For all other week of action questions, concerns, or emergencies, email **info@meltheicemn.com** or message **@meltice.26** on Signal

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### **1. WELCOME TO THE WEEK OF ACTION**

**Thank you for being here, and for accepting our invitation to gather in the Twin Cities in service of the movement to abolish ICE.**

Whether you're local to the Twin Cities or from out of town, this packet is meant to help orient you to what's going on, how to be prepared, and what you can do while you are here.

For months now, the Twin Cities have been at the forefront of a struggle against ICE in this country. The sheer scale of involvement is hard to see from a distance. Thousands of neighbors have responded to the call to resist the violent escalation of immigration

enforcement. The stakes have been high, and many strategic and tactical innovations quickly developed here. Such experiments have been promising, but there's a long journey ahead of us on the road to abolishing ICE, and we're just getting started.

We gathered these resources so that you can ground yourself and act more decisively while you're here. There are many friends to connect to here, and many ways to help out. We offer this information to act as an initial guide. We recommend you take some time to look through the material here so you feel prepared to participate meaningfully in the week of action.

Please note that we are **not** including in this packet the week's schedule of daily workshops/political education sessions and actions, as the details of these are still emergent and subject to change. We will send out a separate schedule packet for that. During the week, check your email and "Week of Action Updates" Signal thread for daily updates. If you're not receiving emails or Signal messages and you would like to, please email **info@melttheice.com** or **Signal message @meltice.26**. We also anticipate that other actions will occur spontaneously and organically, some of which we may not know about. **This is a decentralized week of action**, and we encourage everybody to ground themselves in their **risk assessment, trusted relationships, and personal autonomy** when making choices about what to participate in.

Here are the **6 major demands** which have brought us together:

- 1. ICE out of Minnesota now**
- 2. Release all our abducted neighbors, close all detention camps**
- 3. Statewide eviction moratorium by March 1st**
- 4. Drop all charges against ICE resisters**
- 5. Amnesty for all immigrants**
- 6. Abolish ICE, DHS, the police, and prisons**

We convened this week of action in order to grow the movement to abolish ICE and build a world that keeps all neighbors safe everywhere. We hope that the WoA's tools of **political education, collective action, rapid response, and relationship building** will help move us towards those horizons.

### **Political Education & Workshops**

There are thousands of people, both local and out-of-state, who have important and hard-won lessons to share—not only from Operation Metro Surge, but also from decades of resistance and skill-building. We have brought together several dozen of these teachers to give workshops, political education sessions, and panels during the WoA.

Wednesday 2/25, Thursday 2/26, and Friday 2/27 have dozens of political education sessions scheduled throughout the day. These will take place primarily at various **welcome centers** — participants will receive the locations and times via direct communications (email and Signal) from our team. Our request is that you show up to these spaces ready to learn and collaborate, as well as with flexibility and grace for all the organizers, as details are subject to change.

### **Collective Action**

A primary tool we have for gaining power is to take action all together. This week, we will be practicing a variety of tactics used in the movement against ICE. This includes supporting Twin Cities tenants as they call for an eviction moratorium, encouraging workers to build power in their shops, demonstrating directly against ICE collaborators, supporting mutual aid networks for our vulnerable neighbors, gathering in neighborhood-led block parties, and keeping as many eyes on ICE and the state as we can.

The week of action model works best if all participants embrace a diversity of tactics. This means that we accept and expect that people will participate in the resistance to ICE in their own way. The movement will be better served if everyone acts in the ways they feel called to, especially since we cannot expect to reach meaningful consensus between strangers about the most effective, impactful, and safe actions to take. By embracing a diversity of tactics, we free up time and energy to organize and take action with people we share affinity with rather than spending our time arguing with those who we disagree with or distrust. We don't want anybody to shy away from voicing skepticism or disagreement, but we ask that this be done respectfully and directly rather than by criticizing one another in the media or other public forums.

### **Rapid Response**

Minneapolis's effective resistance stems in large part from our community-led rapid response systems and networks. The week of action provides an opportunity for you to participate in that same rapid response infrastructure and ride along with everyday Minnesotans to observe ICE and help keep our neighbors safe. We hope you will come with the intention of helping us keep our neighborhoods safe and learning lessons that you can bring back home.

Participants will be invited into a rapid response buddy system after completing a patrol training at our welcome centers on Wednesday or Thursday. Keep an eye out for communication about patrol trainings elsewhere in neighborhoods led by community patrollers.

### **Relationship Building**

Throughout the week of action, our hope is that all participants, whether local or from out of town, develop and deepen relationships with other people. We hope the conversations that start in workshops and political education sessions continue over shared meals, walks around the city, and collective action. Some questions you could ask of each other include:

- *Where are you from? What do you do with your time?*
- *What has your participation in this movement looked like? How do you want it to grow?*
- *What does the current landscape of ICE resistance look like in your city?*

The relationships we are trying to build can only come from a place of mutual respect. As you meet and get to know people, be respectful of people's identities (race, class, gender, sexuality, religion, etc.) and life experiences (education, upbringing, organizing background, etc.) as you keep in mind your own. Ask people their pronouns, and ask for consent before initiating physical contact, such as a hug.

We know that the strongest movements are made up of well-connected individuals across far reaches of time and space. The personal and organizational bonds we build with each in moments like these will carry us through the next years and eras of resistance and will make

our movements deep and unshakable. The connections we make this week could be the roots that grow the size and strength of the anti-ICE movement beyond our imagination.

### **Digital Security**

Before arriving at the week of action, we strongly encourage all participants to familiarize themselves with **digital security protocols** developed to help keep people and information secure. This includes, but is not limited to,

- Making a profile on the encrypted messaging app Signal. Your username should not be your legal name, and your profile picture should not be a picture of you.
- Turning off biometrics on your phone (Face ID and fingerprint ID) and setting a difficult-to-guess passcode (best practice is a 12+ digit passcode involving both numbers and letters). This is in case your phone gets taken by a federal agent or a cop who wants to get personal information off your device. Keep in mind that it's not always possible to predict whether you are in a situation where you may get arrested, and it's always better to be safe than sorry.

### **Interpersonal Security Culture**

The invitation to join the WoA has been public and widespread, and there will be many people here who are not known or vetted by the organizers. We also know that Minneapolis's rapid response systems have already been infiltrated by right-wing influencers and government agents.

We share this not to foster fear or distrust of new people but rather to encourage all WoA participants to exercise discretion regarding when and how they share personal information with new people, and to be respectful and understanding if you ask a question of somebody that they say they'd prefer not to answer. Some participants will choose to use nicknames they take on just for the week of action; others will use whatever names they use in their daily life. It is our recommendation that participants do not give out their full legal name to people they are just meeting for the first time.

Historically, infiltrators have sometimes acted as "provocateurs" or attempted to entrap activists, especially newer activists, into doing something unwise in order to cause them harm. If someone you do not know well is asking or telling you to do something that feels unsafe, consider how you know them, how long you've known them, and why you think they are asking you in particular for help. If you are newer to activism or feel that you do not have close personal connections to other people in attendance, be aware that you are at a higher risk for being targeted by this sort of behavior. On the other hand, just because someone is saying or doing something you would not personally do does not make them an infiltrator! It is unfortunately common for people within movements to inaccurately assume that anyone taking more escalated action must be aligned with the police. Remember that a diversity of tactics may mean simply choosing to ignore or distance yourself from others rather than denouncing them or attempting to stop them.

If you suspect that a participant at the WoA is here with dishonest or harmful intentions, please alert a member of the security team (they'll be wearing neon vests). They will be at the welcome centers looking out for everybody's safety. (Note: See the **Conflict & Mediation**

section in Part 3 of this packet for more information about what to do if you have a conflict or experience interpersonal harm during the week of action.)

### **Wondering what to bring?**

We encourage participants to arrive at the week of action prepared to be as self-sufficient as possible. With this in mind, please bring plenty of warm layers and accessories for the cold, good shoes and insulated socks, medications (labeled and in their original containers), a water bottle, some snacks, and personal protective equipment (at least KN95 masks and earplugs). We strongly encourage you to bring an ID, especially if you plan to be doing any driving. If you wish to be responsible for your own dishes, you can bring a bowl/mug/utensils as well. If you have access to any zines, literature, or mutual aid distribution supplies, feel free to bring those as well, but please be responsible for them—don't leave them lying around where somebody else will have to clean them up!

### **Friends back home can't make it to the Twin Cities?**

Invite them to join the **Saturday 2/28 National Day of Action against ICE detention centers**, in which people across the country are invited to put on **solidarity actions** bringing attention to detention centers (including jails) in their own communities. Learn more at [melttheicemn.com/solidarity](http://melttheicemn.com/solidarity).

### **Block ICE Block Parties (Saturday & Sunday)**

You're Invited! Twin Cities neighbors invite you to join us for **Block ICE Block Parties** happening at dispersed locations all throughout the city **on Saturday, February 28th, and Sunday, March 1st**.

Our neighborhoods have been hosting block parties to:

- Ignite and deepen relations to neighbors!
- Build skills to keep each other safe in the face of state violence!
- Celebrate two and a half months of resistance to violence and oppression!
- Create safer spaces for neighbors to come outside — we'll believe the drawdown when we see it!

Keep an eye out for block parties happening around the Cities on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1! You may even receive an invitation to some parties through relationships you build during this Week of Action (ask your hosts, local friends, rapid response buddies or host organizations you came through!). Some block parties may also be announced publicly in the coming days.

Some reminders for visiting:

- These are gatherings of **neighbors**. Put on your neighbor hat and come with a neighborly attitude. Neighbors may ask you where you live or where you're coming from. This is how we've been vetting one another on the street. Share what you feel comfortable with and you can respond with the same curiosity and invitation. Please act with the same warmth and respect you would bring to your own neighborhood gathering!
- The Twin Cities have garnered much press attention over the past couple of months, some of which has been non-consensual and made people in action contexts feel less safe. These block parties may involve individuals who have real security concerns and may not want to be photographed. Please ask for explicit consent before doing any photographing or videotaping! Thank you for keeping us safe!
- Some blocks parties may not be open to unknown out-of-town visitors. Read the room and if your presence feels unwanted or you are asked to leave, please respect the neighbors' wishes. We appreciate you!

## **2. SECURITY, CONFLICT, ACCESSIBILITY, & JAIL SUPPORT**

### **Security**

There will be security team volunteers on-site at welcome centers and other relevant spaces. They will be wearing **bright neon vests** and will be available to field security concerns with an orientation towards de-escalation. They will also be in contact with the Conflict & Mediation team to help assess which situations might benefit from mediation, and you can ask any security team volunteer to put you in touch with the Conflict & Mediation team directly.

We want to avoid accusing people of being undercover agents or cops without evidence, but we also want to be smart and cautious, and we ask all participants to join us in creating a culture of looking out for ourselves and for each other. **If you need to call somebody about a security concern, call 763-204-0879.**

In order to keep yourself as safe as possible, we recommend forming **affinity groups** with people you already know and trust. Assess your own risk levels and make your plans for what actions feel safe and comfortable to participate in. We value the autonomy of every participant to make these decisions for themselves—and to change their minds at any time.

### **Conflict & Mediation**

Whenever people gather, conflict can occur. This is true even in movement spaces full of people with the best of intentions. We believe that conflict, uncomfortable as it may be, can lead to valuable opportunities to learn and grow—and that experiences of harm, especially if inadequately addressed, can be deeply traumatizing. We hope participants in the week of action feel empowered to address small-scale conflicts directly and conscientiously. However, we know that outside support can sometimes be helpful, particularly in instances of more major harms.

With this in mind, our **Conflict & Mediation team will be on-site and on-call all week to help participants address conflicts that may arise.** To get in touch with a member of the team, you can ask any member of the security team (identified by their neon vests) or message the "Week of Action Admin!" on Signal (@meltice.26). Once the team becomes aware of a conflict, they will decide on a process for addressing it. Depending on the type and

severity of harm caused, the team's response could look like anything from a 1:1 check-in, to a mediated community circle, to an action debrief, to (at worst) asking a participant to leave the week of action as a consequence of their behaviors.

We offer this support not as professional mediators but as community members with various experience levels in conflict work. We take our cues primarily from the Black abolitionist organizer Mariame Kaba in our commitment to affirming everybody's humanity and dignity *while also* prioritizing the needs of the parties most directly harmed.

### **Accessibility**

The organizers of the week of action are committed to being as accessible as possible to as many people as possible. All welcome centers are ADA-accessible, and all meal times will be attentive to common dietary restrictions and food allergies. Dinner lines will open first for folks fasting for Ramadan. **Actions in the community will not all be equally accessible**, and information about that will be shared by each action's coordinating team. A number of masks will be available for free at welcome centers, and masking at events will be encouraged but not required.

**If you start to feel sick, please do not come to week of action events.** Try to test yourself for COVID (and ideally Flu A & B) using an at-home rapid test, available at most pharmacies. Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (1301 N 10th Ave, Minneapolis) offers free, drop-in COVID testing Tu 12:30 - 3:30 and Thur 3:30 - 6:30, which generally gets test results back in a day.

If a COVID exposure or other sickness affects your housing, or if you have an accessibility need that is not being met, please email [info@meltheicmn.com](mailto:info@meltheicmn.com) or message the "Week of Action Admin!" on Signal @meltheic.26.

### **Jail Support**

*In summary: Fill out the jail support form to give to your support crew, and memorize the **NLG hotline: 612-444-2654**.*

#### **What is jail support?**

Being prepared for the possibility of arrest is not an admission of illegal activity. Cops and ICE arrest people, sometimes for no reason, and it helps all of us (those arrested, as well as friends and loved ones) to have some basic preparation.

Jail support teams can track arrestees as they move through the arrest and arraignment process to make sure no one gets lost in the system, help link arrestees with legal resources, and provide comfort and support when people are released from jail. It is a way of showing solidarity with arrested activists and a way of taking care of friends and community.

#### **What legal and jail support resources will be available during the week of action?**

If you or someone you know gets arrested, please call the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) hotline with the arrestee's legal name to get connected to jail visits and legal support: 612-444-2654

The **National Lawyers Guild** coordinates jail visits, tracks arrestees, and supports connecting to legal representation when people are charged with a crime. Legal representation by an NLG

connected attorney is not guaranteed, and working with competent public defenders can be highly effective. (Not sure if your public defender is working in your best interest? Contact the NLG!)

There is also a **jail support team** set up to help with the week of action. The jail support team is helping keep track of arrestees as they move through the jail systems and are released. The team is also helping advocate when people have special needs in jail (e.g. if you need to see a nurse or medical provider, if you need food that meets your dietary restrictions, etc.), and helping ensure people have their immediate needs met when released (e.g. food, warm clothes, friendly faces, a ride). To get in touch with the jail support team, contact the NLG at the phone number above.

### **What to prepare ahead of time?**

1. Memorize the NLG hotline number. **612-444-2654**
2. **Pick one person** in your life whose number you can also memorize, and who you can prepare ahead of time as your **main contact from jail**. This person should not be at risk of also being in jail when you need them! They can help you liaise with the jail support team and your support crew (see below). An advantage of having one person as your contact person from jail is that it minimizes the personal information you are giving to the state, and helps you get what you need without having to memorize multiple phone numbers and make multiple phone calls while in custody.
3. Fill out a **jail support form** (the final page of this Welcome Packet) and give it to your primary support person/people ahead of time. This form is meant to be held by your support crew, and the information in it will only be communicated to NLG/jail support if you are arrested. Make sure to let them know to be ready to get a call from an unknown number during the time you are here.
4. **Set up your support crew** ahead of time. Your support crew helps handle your out-of-jail life when you aren't able to (e.g. feed your cat, turn in your homework). They also can interface with the week of action jail support team to get more advocacy around your specific needs in jail. For example, your support crew can ask the jail support team to call the jail on your behalf, or initiate a phone zap if needed. If there are charges associated with your arrest, your support crew can also help with longer-term defendant support. As an option, the one person whose phone number you memorized in the previous step can liaise with your support crew, to make it easier for you to make requests from jail.
5. Finally, consider ahead of time **how you would communicate over a recorded state controlled line**. "Can you make sure the cat is ok?" is much better to say than "Can you ask my neighbor Josie Smith to feed my cat at [home address]?" Don't use names whenever possible, and don't say more than you need to on the jail phone. Try your best to not incriminate yourself or anyone else.

### **Know Your Rights!**

It is helpful to refresh yourself on your rights in case of arrest. Here is a good resource for this: [cldc.org/know-your-rights](http://cldc.org/know-your-rights)

Remember: Beyond sharing basic biographical info (name, date of birth, contact information), it is never in your best interest to talk to the police or answer questions from federal agents! Practice repeating the phrases, "I want to remain silent," "I invoke my 5th amendment rights to

remain silent," and "I will not answer questions without my lawyer present." Before you say anything else, call the NLG and wait for a consultation with a lawyer!

### **A note on being arrested by ICE:**

If you are detained by ICE rather than the police, the process is a little different. You will most likely be taken to the Whipple Federal Building. Unlike at a jail, you are not guaranteed a phone call and there is no public roster. Jail support and NLG will still be trying to track detentions at Whipple, but they will need the legal name of the arrestee to do so. In the event of detention by ICE, it is very helpful if your friends call NLG with your legal name. Familiarize yourself with ICE-related arrests and repression. Review this website before arriving:  
<https://icewatchlegal.org/>

## **3. HOUSING & FOOD**

### **Housing**

Most week of action participants coming from out of town will be staying in people's homes. Please be a conscientious house guest—respect the asks made of you by your hosts, and ask if there are any ways (taking out the trash, doing the dishes...) you can help out during your stay. We encourage you to get to know your hosts and to ask them questions. Everybody has a story to share about their experiences throughout the ICE occupation, and they likely have knowledge to share, or cool things they know about and could invite you to, if you ask them!

Hopefully you already know your housing plan for the week of action. If you don't, and you need help finding a place to stay, please email [info@meltheicemn.com](mailto:info@meltheicemn.com) or message @meltice.26 on Signal as soon as possible. We can point you in the direction of union hotels if you're able to book a hotel room, or we can try to connect you with a homestay and other housing backup plans.

If your housing falls through for any reason during the week (such as conflict or sickness), email [info@meltheicemn.com](mailto:info@meltheicemn.com) or message @meltice.26 on Signal.

### **Food**

Seeds of Peace in collaboration with Southside Foodshare will be providing meals for the week of action. We respect people's food choices and dietary restrictions and will do our best to meet your food needs this week. We will provide gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and omnivore options for most meals that we make. If you have a severe food allergy, please come tell the kitchen. People fasting for Ramadan will be invited to come to the front of the line each day for dinner, and dates will be provided.

Please check in with the volunteer coordination team if you want to volunteer in the kitchen. We will need prep help, servers, dishwashers, and cleanup crew for the dining area. All are welcome!

Donation buckets will be out at meals. Your donations will make our meals more exciting throughout the week, and will support our local mutual aid work. Between Southside

Foodshare and Seeds of Peace, we support communities of resistance who don't have the resources to feed themselves. These funds will help us provide food and source equipment.

Food will not be provided for every meal, but there will be at least one full meal provided daily. We encourage you to visit some of the local stores, cafes, and restaurants listed in section 6 of this packet.

We hope you'll join us at the Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, February 24, from 5:30-7PM at the south end of Powderhorn Park.

**The schedule and locations of daily meals will be sent out via email and over Signal, along with the rest of the daily schedule.**

Eat First. Then Smash the State.

#### **4. STORYTELLING & PRESS**

Help us tell stories about the ICE resistance in Minnesota! Whether you've traveled out to join us, or you live here and have been fighting for months to protect your neighbors, you are now a part of this movement. We believe that all your stories matter, and if you wish to, you should tell them.

The week of action communications team doesn't want to be a bottleneck to uplifting all the action, learning, and movement building that will unfold here this week. We invite you to post, write, and share what you learn about and participate in here. Keep reading for tips on how to do so in as safe and responsible a fashion as possible. Tag us on Instagram or Bluesky @**meltheicewoa** to help us spread the message that it's long past time to abolish ICE. And if you have photos, videos, or testimonials you want to share with our team throughout the week, please send them to @**woacomms.99** on Signal.

##### **Media & Security Culture**

If you are taking photos or videos where people's faces might be visible, ask the people around you if they consent to being recorded. Never share or post online a photo or video that shows somebody's face without getting their permission first. In the event that somebody around you is engaging in illegal activity, do not take photos or videos of that, unless it is to record an interaction with law enforcement. Don't write in incriminating ways about illegal activity you observe or participate in.

##### **Movement Media & Press**

We love grassroots media, but we also sometimes choose to engage with legacy media and press to help us uplift movement messages beyond our traditional audience. We hope to put the demands of the week of action and the movement to abolish ICE in front of as many people as possible.

You may see some press and people with big cameras around during the week of action. They should be clearly identified and not filming or photographing you or others in ways that feel unsafe. You can always speak up and ask to not be included in photo or video if someone is capturing images without your consent. You can also wear a mask that covers your

identifiable features. If you have any concerns about someone with a camera, please tell a member of the security team (wearing neon vests) or an action organizer.

We'll have designated people throughout the week who are prepared to give interviews to press. If you have a chance and feel called to tell your story to a reporter, make sure to uplift the demands of the week. To recap, those are: ICE out of Minnesota now. Release all our abducted neighbors and close all detention camps. Statewide eviction moratorium by March 1st. Drop all charges against ICE resisters. Amnesty for all immigrants. Abolish ICE, DHS, the police, and prisons!

If you're interested in learning more about press strategies for movement building, there will be a training about it on Wednesday morning. This workshop will also involve skill building around speaking to press.

## **5. TRANSIT & GETTING AROUND**

It will be easier for you to get around the Twin Cities if you have access to a car, but there will be plenty of carpooling and rideshare opportunities to plug into once you're here.

There is also strong public transit infrastructure here! The welcome centers on Wednesday-Friday will be in Uptown, and there are several bus lines that run in between them. These bus lines include the E-Line and the number 4 (Lyndale Avenue) bus.

All fares for both the light rail and buses are \$2.00, or \$4.00 for an all-day pass. You can pay with cash or on the MetroTransit app. (You can also try asking the driver for a "courtesy ride" if you find yourself without any cash.) The light rail does not have any turnstiles, but does sometimes have police checking passengers for fare payment. For all maps and schedules, download the app or check here: [metrotransit.org/schedules-maps](https://metrotransit.org/schedules-maps). Also see safe travel for winter weather: <https://www.metrotransit.org/snow>

The easiest way into the city from the airport is by Light Rail Transit (LRT). The Blue Line can take you from either Terminal north, through South Minneapolis and into Downtown. From Downtown you can transfer to the Green Line to get to St. Paul.

Also of note: the Fort Snelling station on the Blue Line is directly adjacent to the Whipple Building.

## **6. EXPLORING THE AREA**

*Note:* This is a very incomplete list of community spaces, radical centers, and local businesses that would greatly appreciate your support. They did not self-select to be included on this list. Check online for daily hours before you go.

### **Restaurants**

#### **In Minneapolis**

- La Michoacana Purepecha: Mexican ice cream & snack shop. 701 E Lake St, Minneapolis
- Cafe Racer Kitchen: Latin American restaurant with a focus on arepas. 2929 E 25th St, Minneapolis
- Taqueria y Birrieria Las Cuatro Milpas: Mexican restaurant, 1526 E Lake St, Minneapolis
- Mercado Central: Co-operative Latino marketplace. 1515 E Lake St, Minneapolis
- Midtown Global Market: International market with many vendors. 920 E Lake St, Minneapolis

### **In St. Paul**

- El Burrito Mercado: Mexican market and cafe. 175 Cesar Chavez St, St. Paul
- El Guanaco Bakery y Café: Salvadoran restaurant. 849 E 7th St, St. Paul
- La Cabaña: Mexican restaurant. 863 E 7th St, St. Paul
- Bymore Supermercado: Mexican grocery store & eatery. 857 Payne Ave, St. Paul
- Taqueria Los Paisanos: Counter-serve Mexican restaurant. 825 E 7th St, St. Paul
- Mañana Restaurant y Pupuseria: Salvadoran and Mexican restaurant. 798 E 7th St, St. Paul
- Marquez Grill: Casual tacos. 870 Payne Ave, St. Paul

### **Cafes & Co-Working Spots**

#### **In Minneapolis**

- Caffetto Coffee House: Punk coffee shop and co-working space in Uptown. 708 W 22nd St
- Hard Times Cafe: Vegetarian/vegan-friendly spot with affordable coffee, full support of anti-ICE action, free whistles. 1821 Riverside Ave
- May Day Cafe: Cooperatively owned, anarchist-frequented cafe near Powderhorn Park. 3440 Bloomington Ave
- Post Modern Times: A longtime breakfast favorite "for punks and their parents" that became free/donation-based during the ICE occupation. 3200 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis
- Pow Wow Grounds: Indigenous owned cafe/restaurant, distro hub, and staple of the Phillips neighborhood. 1414 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis
- Seward Cafe: Food and organizing space with a free closet and a beautiful garden. 2129 E Franklin Ave

#### **In St. Paul**

- Caydence Records & Coffee: Cafe, record store, and live music spot. 900 Payne Ave
- Gingko Coffeehouse: Cozy, family-friendly spot. 721 Snelling Avenue N
- Snelling Cafe: Eritrean and East African cafe. 638 Snelling Ave N

### **Bookstores & Miscellaneous**

- Birchbark Books & Native Arts: Bookstore specializing in Indigenous arts and literature. 2115 W 21st St, Minneapolis
- Black Garnet Bookstore: Black-, queer-, and woman-owned bookstore. 1319 University Ave W, St. Paul
- Boneshaker Books: Radical bookstore. 708 W 26th St, Minneapolis
- East Side Freedom Library: Justice-oriented community library and Hmong archives. 1105 Greenbrier St, St. Paul
- Mayday Books: Leftwing, cash-only bookstore. 301 Cedar Ave, Minneapolis
- Moon Palace Books: Independent bookstore. 3032 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis
- Quatrefoil Library: Queer community center and archive. 1220 E Lake St, Minneapolis
- Smitten Kitten: Queer/trans-owned adult store/sex shop and distro hub. 3010 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis
- Zion Community Commons (ZCC): Mutual aid hub with free food, free store, events. 1697 Lafond Ave, St. Paul

**Also see:**

- The Minneapolis Autonomous Index is a loose collection of events for building revolutionary autonomy in the Twin Cities. Check it out at [mnindex.org](http://mnindex.org)

**In Memoriam**

*This week of action is convened in memory of Victor Manuel Diaz, Renée Nicole Good, Alex Pretti, and all who have lost their lives in the struggle for liberation.*

As resistance grows, so does our collective grief about those we have loved and lost in the struggle for liberation. We ask that if you choose to visit these sites, please do so with respect and reverence.

**George Floyd Square**, where George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin on May 25, 2020, subsequently causing a wave of uprising, love, and resistance around the globe. May he rest in power. This is located on 38th Street & Chicago Avenue in south Minneapolis. *Please note that we discourage driving through the Square itself.*

34th Street & Portland Avenue, where **Renée Nicole Good** was killed by ICE agent Jonathon Ross, on January 7th, 2026.

26th Street & Nicollet Avenue, where **Alex Pretti** was killed by ICE agents on January 24th, 2026.

**Bdote**, where the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers meet. This, for the Dakota people, is a sacred place, where rivers, sky, and earth converge as the site of Creation. This land is marred by Fort Snelling, a colonial military base, where the Dakota people were concentrated and murdered after the Dakota war of 1862. Notably, Fort Snelling is directly next to the Whipple Building, where ICE has based Operation Metro Surge and where people are