



# Priscilla A. Prado

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## **Representative Priscilla A. Prado Attends Press Conference Regarding Proposed ICE Facility in Milwaukee Aldermanic District 9**

**Milwaukee, Wis.** – Today, Representative Priscilla A. Prado (D-Milwaukee) joined Alderwoman Larresa Taylor in a press conference to address community concerns surrounding the recent proposal from Homeland Security to relocate the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility currently located on Knapp Street to a larger facility on 11925 West Lake Park Drive in District 9.

The Department of Homeland Security has cited the sale of the Knapp Street building as the reason for seeking a new location. The proposed Lake Park Drive facility would serve the same purposes as the existing one, including operations for detainees, non-detainees, and other administrative functions. However, the timing and scale of this proposal have caused significant alarm within Milwaukee's immigrant and undocumented communities.

**“This proposal is deeply unsettling to our community,” said Rep. Prado. “The fact that ICE and Homeland Security are seeking a larger facility just as a new administration comes into office raises valid concerns about whether these preparations will lead to an increase in enforcement activities or deportations. Our undocumented neighbors are nervous, uneasy, and worried that this could result in displacement and family separation.”**

Residents of Aldermanic District 9, a vibrant and diverse community, fear that a larger facility could signal an escalation in detention operations or raids. Such fears disrupt the peace and stability of families who are already contributing members of Milwaukee's economy and culture.

**“As state representatives, alderpersons, and elected officials, we are working together to keep our community informed, engaged, and empowered,” said Rep. Prado. “We will remain at the forefront of every update and ensure our community has the resources and information they need. This is a time for unity, not division.”**

Rep. Prado encouraged community members to reach out with any questions or concerns about the proposal.

**“We stand with you,” she said. “This facility is a proposal, not a done deal, and we will fight to ensure our community's interests come first.”**

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