

Date: June 27, 2026

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Place: St. Matthew and St Joseph's Episcopal Church, 8850 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202

**RE:**

### **A Detroit People's Tribunal**

*To charge ICE with paramilitary activity and abduction of community members*

*Public officials at all levels for failing to protect Detroiters from ICE*

**If the law of the government will not act, then the law of the people must.**

The abduction and detention of community members and neighbors by the Federal Government has been taking place at an unprecedented rate since the start of the second Trump administration. According to community-based ICE watch efforts, there are approximately 40 people abducted by ICE each week across our region. In the State of Michigan, the youngest person detained was four years old. Families going about their everyday business, whether dropping their children off at school or grocery shopping, are arbitrarily targeted by ICE Agents. Our elected governments, from the municipal to the State, including Detroit, continue to aid and abet ICE by sharing intelligence, calling ICE to traffic stops, and harassing anti-ICE community organizers.

Witnessing the local government's collusion and utter failure to protect residents from violence enacted by ICE and ICE agents, a Detroit People's Tribunal will take place June 27, 2026 and bring forth evidence and witness testimony before representatives of every willing, participatory community organization by and of the people across Detroit and the metro area.

Questions that the Tribunal will address include:

1. Is ICE a threat to Detroit metro area communities?
2. Are elected representatives and local governments colluding with ICE?
3. Should ICE exist?

Public Tribunals have been used in the past to bring exposure to injustices and state violence, especially when they are being ignored by the courts and other governing bodies. In Detroit, civil rights activists organized a tribunal in the aftermath of the 1967 rebellion sparked by police brutality to call out the racist violence committed by Detroit Police and the National Guard during The Rebellion. Over 3,000 people showed up to attend that tribunal, which included eyewitness testimony to the actions of police and the national guard.