

**Statement from Ilda, leader in Congress of Day Laborers, in
Opposition to the Head/Landrieu Surveillance Ordinance
(Ord #32107)**

"I am an undocumented New Orleanian and a mother of two children who were born, raised, and who go to school in New Orleans. As a mom, I already feel extremely unsafe. From 2016 to 2017, deportations by the New Orleans ICE office increased by **589%**. That's thousands of separated families, thousands of traumatized children, and a level of instability we do not want for our city. With people in my community being profiled right and left, there have been times I've been afraid to even leave the house.

ICE constantly violates our rights and approaches us solely based on racial profiling. In the past, ICE has raided the Latino Ideal supermarket in mid-city, Latino laundromats, and even Latino bible studies. Last year, a friend of mine was arrested by ICE on his way to pick up milk and bread for his kids. After arresting him, the ICE officers continued to drive around, arresting 7 other people who looked Latino and screaming at them "we're sending you back to where you came from and we're going to put your kids up for adoption!" My friend was deported and his kids have lost their dad.

If City Council authorizes this mass surveillance system, I will feel even more unsafe. **We don't know where this information will be going and with what sources it will be shared. Immigration could easily enter this centralized system and use it to amp up their racial profiling even more, dispatching ICE officers to harass us anytime they see a Latino person enter a bar or any other establishment.** This camera system is intrusive, wasteful, and worrying in its own right, but it is even more irresponsible to approve this camera system without public clarity about who will have access to this information.

If you approve this camera system today, I will not feel safe going to work or leaving my children at school. As members of the undocumented community, we demand that you vote against this surveillance system."

~ Ilda, leader in the Congress of Day Laborers