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Joint Statement from the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities on the Conclusion of Operation Metro Surge

[Maplewood] – [February 12, 2026] – The Cities for Safe and Stable Communities coalition welcomes the announcement by Border Czar Tom Homan regarding the conclusion of the surge within the coming weeks. Coalition leaders are encouraged by the news that federal officers will be withdrawn or redeployed, signaling the de-escalation our communities have urgently requested.

The end of this 10-week operation that has disrupted local communities marks a transition to a long recovery process.

"This week, Maplewood held a community conversation on immigration issue. While people are nervous and frustrated, they've also been empowered by the wide breadth of community support they've witnessed and participated in," said Mayor Marylee Abrams.

"Many in Maplewood are working to deliver food, toiletries and other items to people most impacted by the federal enforcement actions," Abrams said. "We're encouraged by this community support and hoping to return to normal."

The surge has imposed tangible financial and social costs on municipalities. Beyond the direct strain on city budgets, the instability has disrupted schools, forced local business closures, and created widespread economic uncertainty. Our focus now shifts to economic recovery and restoring confidence in the government's ability to provide long-term stability of the neighborhoods and workforce that help Minnesota's economic engine thrive.

The city's economic development team has proactively sent a list of resources to local business with support to help them recover.

Public safety is most effective when built on a foundation of trust between residents and local institutions. City officers remain committed to the rule of law and the protection of constitutional rights for all. The coalition expects the same commitment to due process and legal standards from federal agencies. Local law enforcement will continue to focus on specific community needs and deal with the fallout of uncoordinated operations.

The damage caused by this surge – both in financial resources and eroded community trust – requires a unified response. This coalition is actively assessing the total impact on cities to advocate for necessary policy changes as well as relief and recovery funds.

Cities for Safe and Stable Communities formed because the challenges of the past 10 weeks transcend geography and partisanship. The coalition invites other cities across the region that have experienced the tangible costs of the surge to join in this effort. By speaking with a unified voice, coalition cities can ensure that the transition toward recovery respects local jurisdiction and restores the security families, students, and business owners deserve.