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Spring Institute Welcomes Mayor's Proposed Ordinance to Protect Immigrants and Refugees

Spring Institute welcomes yesterday's announcement by Mayor Hancock and Denver City Council Members López and Kniech on the proposed ordinance to ensure the safety of immigrants and refugees in our community.

The proposed ordinance, entitled the [Denver Public Safety Enforcement Priorities Act](#), establishes new policies and enshrines existing policies to reassure Denver's immigrant and refugee population that they can engage with the city's law enforcement, first responders, and judicial bodies without fear of inquiries regarding their immigration status or citizenship. The proposed ordinance contains important provisions that ensure City employees will comply with both federal and state law, including compliance with judicial warrants.

"We support the work of Mayor Hancock and Council Members Lopez and Kniech on this critical issue and urge Denver's City Council to pass the ordinance," said Paula Schriefer, President and CEO of Spring Institute. "Denver's elected leaders are continuing our city's proud history of welcoming and celebrating the many contributions of our immigrant and refugee community, while increasing safety for us all."

Additional measures proposed by Mayor Hancock would include the establishment of a legal defense fund and a working group to track new developments in national immigration policies; as well as provide assistance to children and families who are separated due to immigration enforcement or deportation.

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