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**Subject:** Councilors: Stand Up For Immigrants- Divest from Avelo and Fight Back Against Trump's Repression  
**Attachments:** City Council\_ Avelo.pdf

Salem City Council,

On May 9 and June 12, Salem's working class rallied in the City Council chambers to demand that you stand in solidarity with immigrants and all workers across the world. See the attached letter and [petition](#).

Regards,

**The Salem DSA Steering Committee**

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## **Salem City Council**

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**Attn:** Mayor Julie Hoy, Councilor Paul Tigan, Councilor Linda Nishioka, Councilor Shane Matthews, Councilor Deanna Gwyn, Councilor Irvin M. Brown, Councilor Mai Vang, Councilor Vanessa Nordyke, Councilor Micki Varney

Councilors,

On May 12 and on June 9, Salem's working class rallied in your chambers to make two simple demands:

- I. Cancel your contract with Avelo Airlines, a company which is running deportation flights for ICE and the Trump regime.
- II. Issue a statement unequivocally denouncing the Trump regime's fascist occupation of Los Angeles, calling for the abolition of ICE, and calling for the release of all political prisoners and detainees.

A [petition](#) which now approaches 600 signatures from teachers, nurses, and other working people in this city was raised to you at both council meetings that reiterated these demands. And how did you choose to respond? By parading the police and military around the Council chambers before announcing your intent to increase police presence in our city's downtown (a political stunt that would make the dictators of the world swoon). You then sicced your forces on demonstrators in the audience who exercised their right to free speech.

Councilors, the eyes of this city's working class and this country's working class are on you. As the Trump regime kidnaps children, citizens, and political dissidents, your inaction speaks volumes about which side you are on. The corporate bosses in the Chamber of Commerce who bankroll your campaigns

Speak volumes about which side you are on. And the investigation by the Oregon Ethics Commission into your malfeasance and corruption sends an unmistakable message about who each one of you are.

The working people of Salem demand more than divestment from Avelo Airlines. We demand the abolition of ICE; we demand the protection of free speech; we demand solidarity with the Palestinian people against Israel's genocide; and we demand freedom, justice, and safety for all working people of the world. If you continue to ignore these demands from Salem's working class, good luck during your next campaign: we are ready to elect new councilors who ***will*** fight for us.

Regards,

**The Salem DSA Steering Committee**

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