



# ROUND LAKE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**GEORGE FILENKO**

Chief of Police

July 2, 2019

In light of recent news around increased immigration raids and deportations, as chief of Police the Round Lake Park Police Department, I write to remind our Round Lake Park residents and visitors that our Police Department's objectives are to protect and serve all community members, regardless of their immigration status.

The Round Lake Park Police Department does not make or enforce immigration law. Immigration laws are created and enforced by the federal government. Pursuant to the Illinois TRUST Act (5 ILCS 805/1), the Round Lake Park Police Department does not cooperate with US Immigration and Enforcement (ICE) Officials to enforce immigration law. Similarly, per the Keep Illinois Families Together Act (Public Act 101-0019), the Round Lake Park Police Department has no formal agreement with the federal government to enforce immigration laws or to detain individuals on behalf of ICE for immigration violations. This means that our officers will not stop or detain community members to check their immigration documentation and will not ask anyone about their immigration status. In particular, we want witnesses and victims of crimes to feel safe coming forward to seek our assistance and protection. We are committed to listening to you and to protecting you. Your immigration status is not a factor for us.

Reflecting the diversity of our community, our department has made great progress in increasing the cultural and linguistic diversity of our officers. If you speak Spanish and have an interaction with the Round Lake Park Police Department, you have the right to request to speak with a Spanish-speaking officer. In the hiring and training of officers, my priorities are to ensure clear and effective communication and to build a meaningful connection between our officers and the community.

The Round Lake Park Police Department remains steadfast in our commitment to serving and protecting all community members and will maintain the separation between our work and that of federal immigration authorities. We will continue to work with our residents, local businesses, and our partners at Mano a Mano, to continue ensuring the safety and trust between law enforcement and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Filenko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief George Filenko