

WARD 5 TOWN HALL ON FEDERAL OVERREACH

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7:30 - 8:30 P.M.
Online - Zoom



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FRAMING THIS MOMENT

01

THIS IS NOT ABOUT CRIME.

- DC crime is at historic lows.
- The Department of Justice reported a 30-year low in violent crime for 2024.
- We've seen an additional 26% decline in violent crime in the District year-to-date.
- The city's official violent crime rate in 2024 was the second lowest that has been reported since 1966.
- This is about power and control, not about crime.

Homicides rates in D.C. have been in decline since the '90s

Though 2021 and 2023 saw a spike in homicides per 100,000 residents, the rate in 2024 was still less than a third of the highs in the early 1990s.



Source: FBI Summary Reporting System Estimated Crimes

ANDREW BA TRAN / THE WASHINGTON POST

FRAMING THIS MOMENT

02

COURTS: U.S. PRES. CANNOT SEIZE CONTROL OF MPD

- The Trump administration tried to seize control of the Metropolitan Police Department through AG Pam Bondi's order to institute the head of the DEA as the head of MPD.
- Judge Reyes made clear that the Home Rule Charter does not allow the federal administration to seize control of MPD.
- As a result, Chief Smith remains Chief of MPD.

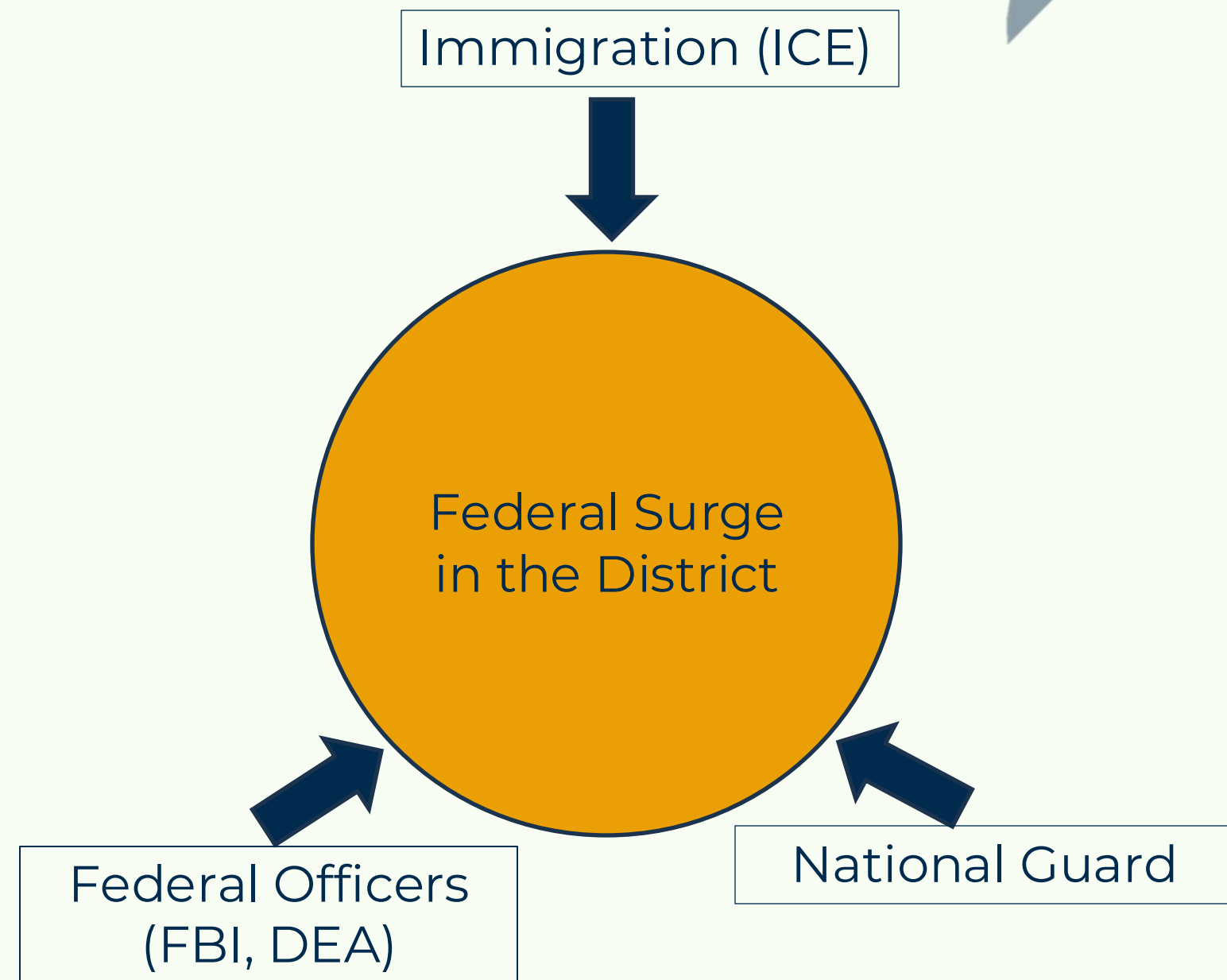


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03

DC IS UNDER OCCUPATION

- **There are three main arms of federal enforcement in the District currently:**
 - National Guard
 - Federal Officers (FBI, DEA)
 - Immigration Enforcement (ICE)
- **Local government has no line-of-sight** into the assignments or activities of these forces
- **District residents have no voting representation in Congress**, meaning there is no direct line of accountability for residents to speak out against the activities of federal agents.



FRAMING THIS MOMENT



04

OUR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ARE HEROES, NOT A TOOL FOR POLITICAL STUNTS.

- More than 2,000 National Guardsmen, largely from GOP-led states (WV, SC, OH, LA, MS, TN), are deployed across the District.
- **This is expensive**
 - Costing more than \$1M/day
- **This is dangerous**
 - National Guardsmen are not trained to patrol our streets and do not know our local laws, and they are now armed.
- **This is unnecessary**
 - Many are sitting around bored and unsupported, picking up trash that could be handled by local services, and having no direct role in achieving real, long-term solutions to real issues.

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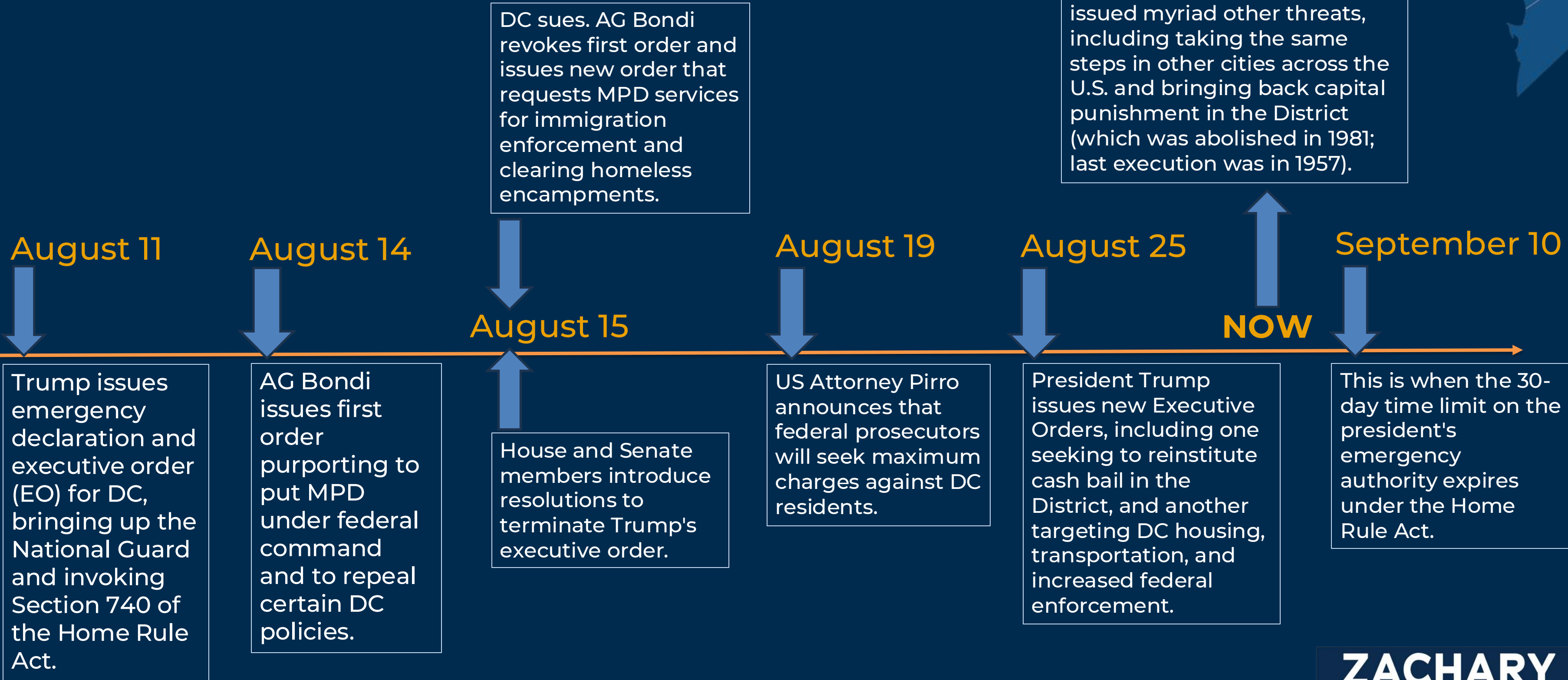
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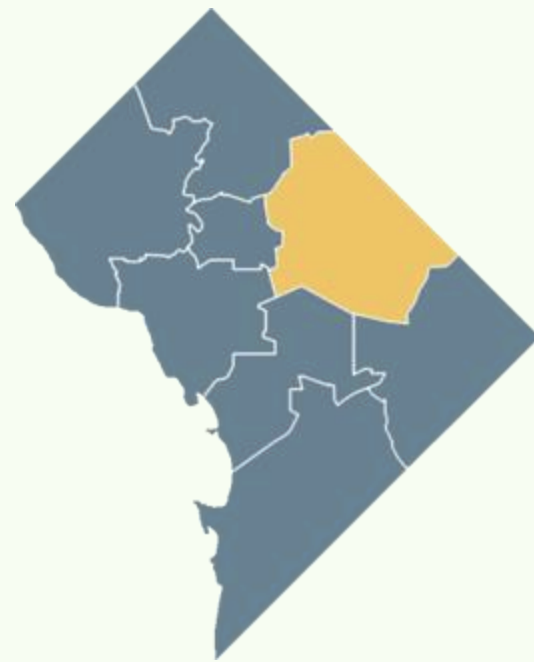
- The federal actions taken by the Trump administration are the consequence of DC not being a state.
- DC residents pay more federal taxes per capita than any of the 50 states.
 - And yet, we are most vulnerable to the kinds of federal overreach and intrusion we are experiencing now.
- To right this wrong, we must fight for DC statehood.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS



CALLS TO ACTION



1. Speak up and spread the word about what's happening

- Use the talking points shared earlier

2. Contact congressional offices

- Use the Ward 5 Toolkit on Federal Overreach (ward5.us/toolkit)

3. Join the Ward 5 mobilization on The Hill

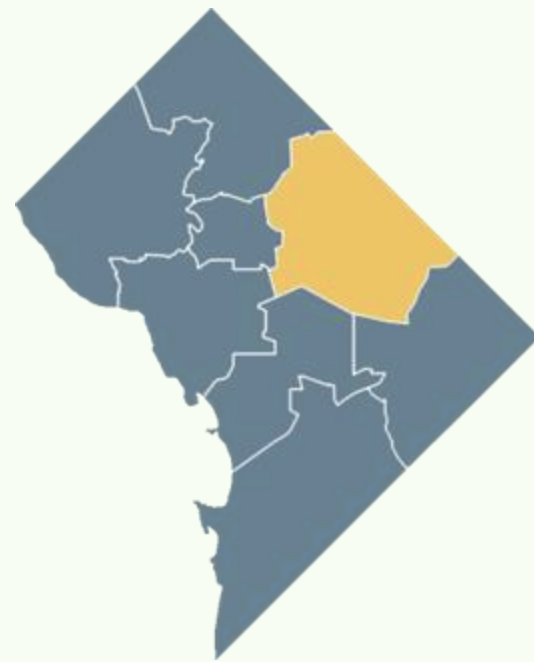
- September 9, 2025
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Hart Senate Office Building – 120 Constitution Ave NE
- SIGN UP at ward5.us/onthehill



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CALLS TO ACTION, cont'd.



4. Join Ward 5 neighbors at demonstrations

- Weekly on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Join us! Get details when you sign up at **ward5.us/resist**.

5. Share reports of federal activity from across Ward 5 with our office

- Use the link **ward5.us/report** to share, or just call or email us at 202-724-8028, ward5contact@dccouncil.gov

6. Mobilize to speak up at Council hearings and functions. We need to hear from you!

- Check dccouncil.gov for updates to the schedule and subscribe to the Ward 5 Weekly – **ward5.us/newsletter**

TOOLKIT


Access at ward5.us/toolkit

Includes:

- 👉 Talking points, how to spread our message
- 👉 Calls to Action
- 👉 Resources (legal, homelessness, immigration)
- 👉 How to report and contact our office


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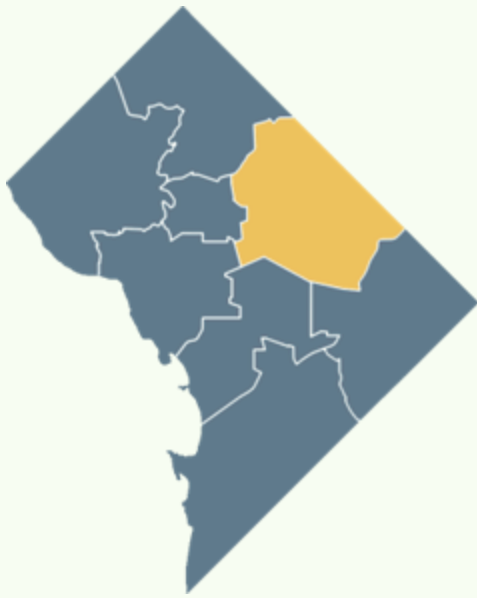
Quick Links:

- Know Your Rights
 - ward5.us/rights
- Report Federal Activity
 - ward5.us/report
- Join Ward 5 demonstrations
 - ward5.us/resist
- Join Ward 5 mobilization on Capitol Hill
 - ward5.us/onthehill



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