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The decision, announced Friday, follows months of consultation with community groups, lawyers, and immigrant advocates, and weeks of tumultuous protests by anti-ICE demonstrators, who on Wednesday took over and held a City Hall stairway. ICE officials criticized the city’s action as “callously compromising public safety,” and Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman Katie Waldman called it “an irresponsible decision that results in the city harboring criminal aliens.”

“Sanctuary city policies make American communities like Philadelphia lawless by putting the rights of criminal aliens over the safety and security of American citizens,” she said in a statement. “Despite the misguided action taken by Philadelphia today, DHS will continue to work to remove illegal aliens.”

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