Today's Lead: City Looks to Limit Deportations

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City Considers Limiting Deportations

Two bills set to be proposed in the City Council today would further limit the city's cooperation with federal programs that seek to deport immigrants. The bills are in response to The Secure Communities Act which mandates fingerprints taken at local jails are compared to a Department of Homeland Security database. Anyone who is deemed an illegal immigrant is then marked to be detained. If the City passes these laws it will strengthen its reputation as immigrant-friendly. Gov. Andrew Cuomo symbolically withdrew New York from the program earlier this year. â€śWhat we donâ€™t want is New York Cityâ€™s agencies having to participate in deporting people who present no risk and in fact may be adding a great deal to the City of New York,â€ť Council Speaker Christine Quinn told the Times yesterday in an interview.

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