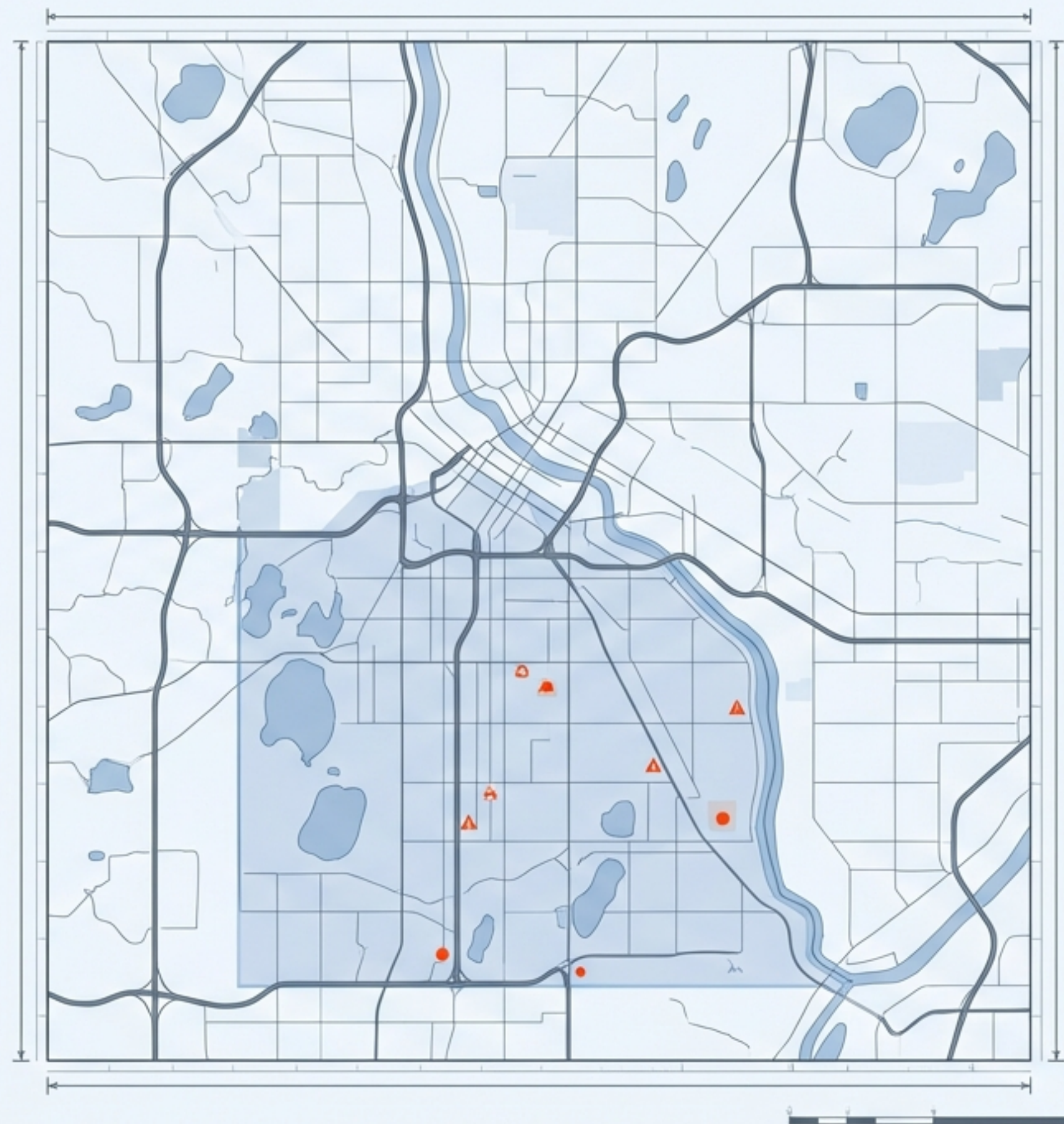


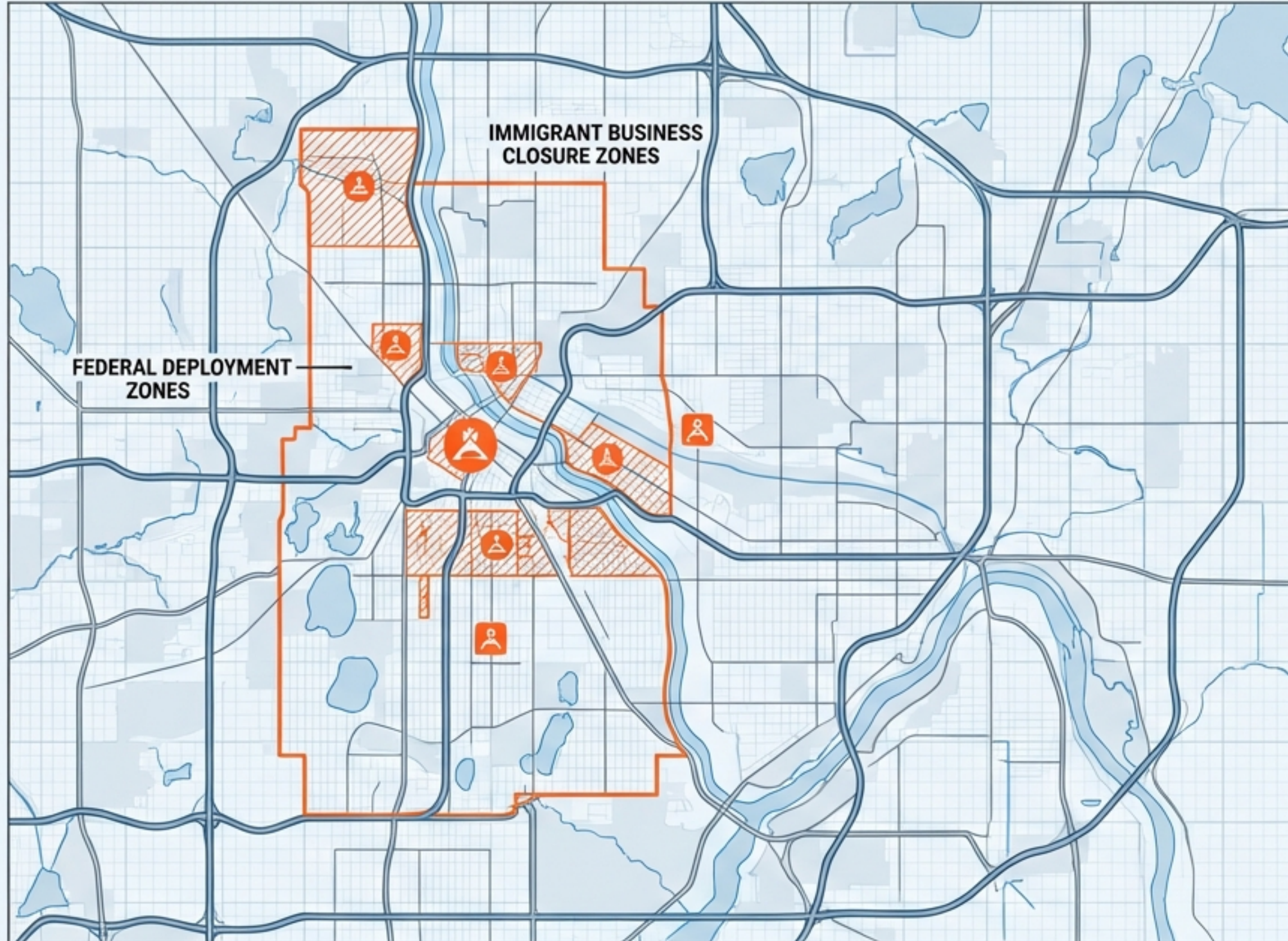
# ACTIVE OBJECTION: THE MINNEAPOLIS MODEL

From Operation Metro Surge to  
the “Ice Out” General Strike of 2026.

In the winter of 2026, the people of Minneapolis faced a militarized federal occupation. Their response—a synthesis of Quaker theology, Indigenous sovereignty, and labor power—provided a blueprint for dismantling the machinery of state violence through systemic non-collaboration.



# THE CATALYST: OPERATION METRO SURGE



## BY THE NUMBERS

**3,000+**

Federal Agents Deployed (ICE/DHS)

**\$75 BILLION**

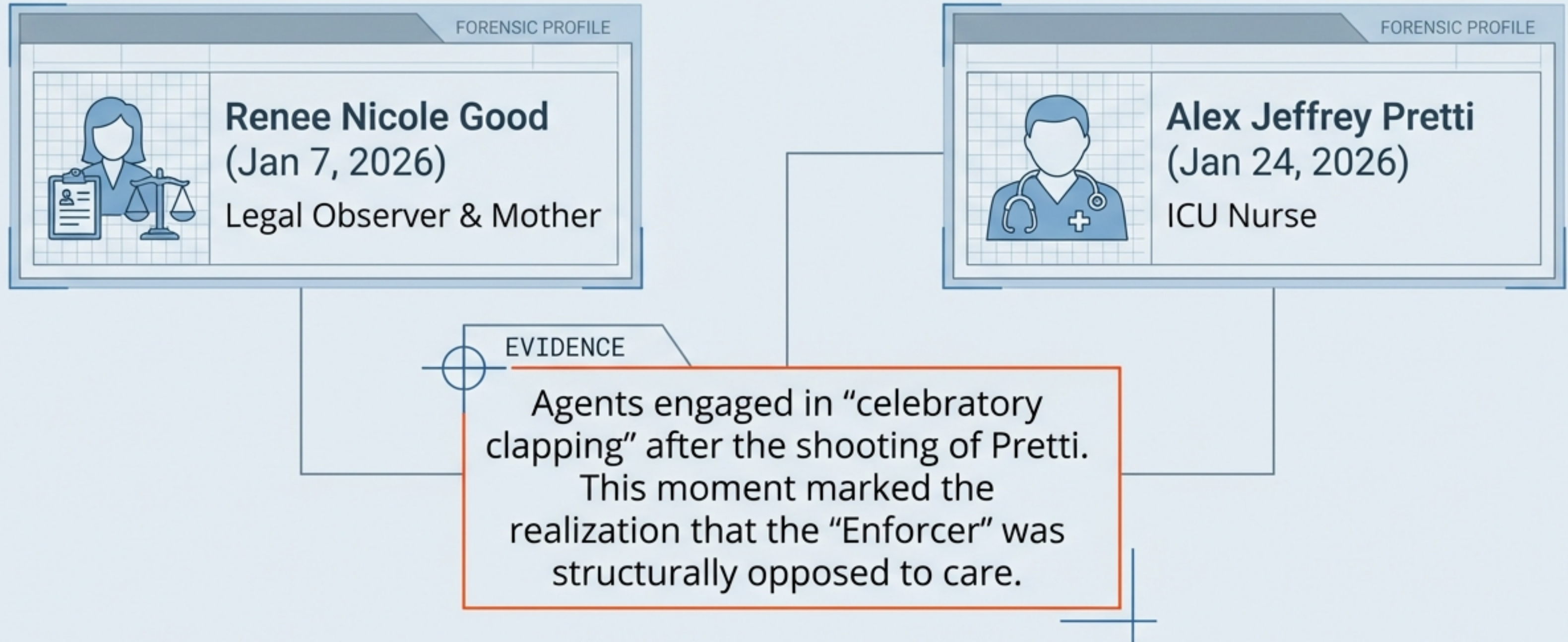
ICE Budget Expansion (2025)

**-20°F**

Temperature during the standoff

The 'Big Deadly Bill' and the 'Economic Draft' facilitated a militarized invasion. Out-of-state agents in unmarked vehicles enforced a state of siege, targeting the Twin Cities in a historic immigration enforcement operation.

# The Forensic Truth: When the 'Enforcer' Lost Legitimacy



***"They have guns; we have whistles."***

# ICE OUT: THE GENERAL STRIKE OF JANUARY 23, 2026

**NO WORK. NO SCHOOL. NO SHOPPING.**



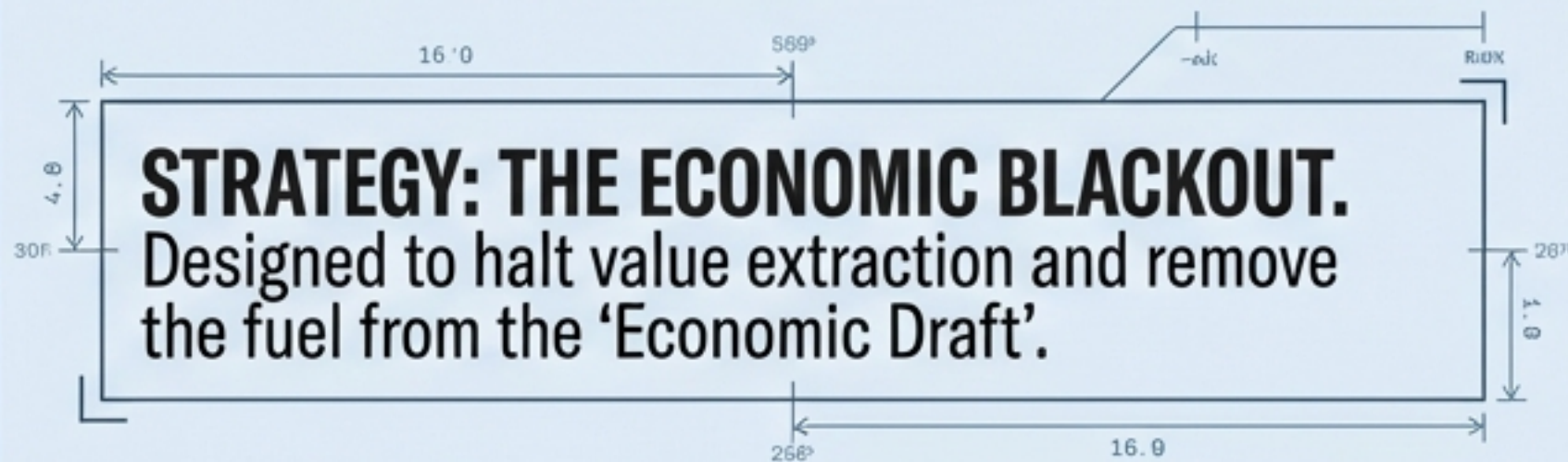
**70,000  
WORKERS**



**700  
BUSINESSES  
CLOSED**



**100 CLERGY  
ARRESTED**






## TACTIC V: ECONOMIC & LABOR NON-COLLABORATION

- ✓ **1. THE GENERAL STRIKE:** An "Economic Blackout" (No work, no school, no shopping). First potential general strike in MN since 1934.
- ✓ **2. TRANSIT REFUSAL:** Transit workers (ATU 1005) refusing to transport federal agents.
- ✓ **3. "4TH AMENDMENT BUSINESSES":** Demanding corporations (Target, Best Buy) refuse to allow property to be used as staging grounds for ICE.



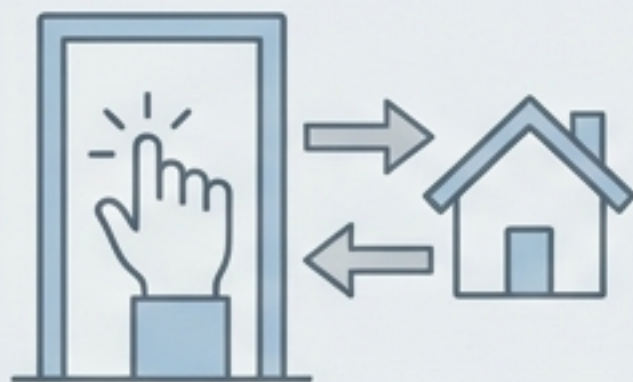
# Symmetrical Antidotes: A Tripartite Strategy

The Disease: <b>Capitalist Extraction</b>	The Disease: <b>Colonial Erasure</b>	The Disease: <b>State Violence</b>
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Precise strategic mirroring: every act of oppression is met with a specific act of liberation.

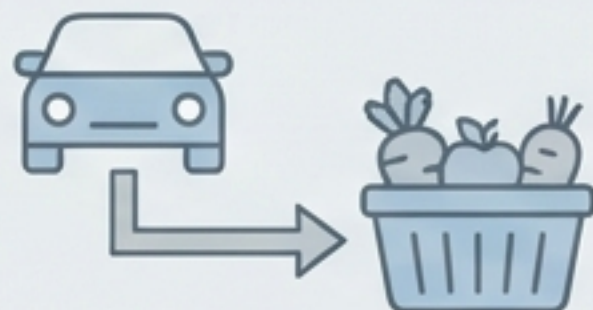
# MUTUAL AID AS THE “QUARTERMASTER CORPS”

## SOLIDARITY, NOT CHARITY



### CHECK-INS

Knock on neighbors' doors, especially immigrant neighbors.



### FOOD & RIDES

Offer safe transport to those afraid of checkpoints. Support food distribution.



### DONATIONS

Support the Legal Fund (\$150k goal) for detained workers and rent relief.

## KEY LOGISTICS:

- **Panther Pantries:** Unconditional food distribution
- **Rural-Urban Bridge:** Direct supply lines bypassing corporate chains
- **De-commodifying Survival:** Breaking the “mute compulsion” of the market.

You cannot ask a worker to strike if they will starve.  
Mutual Aid provides the logistics that make resistance possible.


# Abolition and the Obsolescence of the Enforcer

## The Whistle Brigades



Community-led alert system for immediate non-violent intervention and de-escalation.

## Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR)

	<b>35,000 Calls Responded</b>
	<b>0 Injuries</b>
	<b>Proof of Obsolescence</b>

Empirical proof that the community can maintain safety without the "Enforcer," rendering the police state unnecessary.

"We are not fighting the system; we are displacing it."

# HOME RULE VS. HOMELAND SECURITY

## HOMELAND SECURITY



**Colonial Construct.**  
Focus on Borders,  
Surveillance, Enforcement.

## TENT OF RETURN



Rejecting the "Homeland" (a colonial construct) for "Home" (a relational reality). Tents of Return act as physical spaces where colonial jurisdiction is nullified.

## HOME RULE

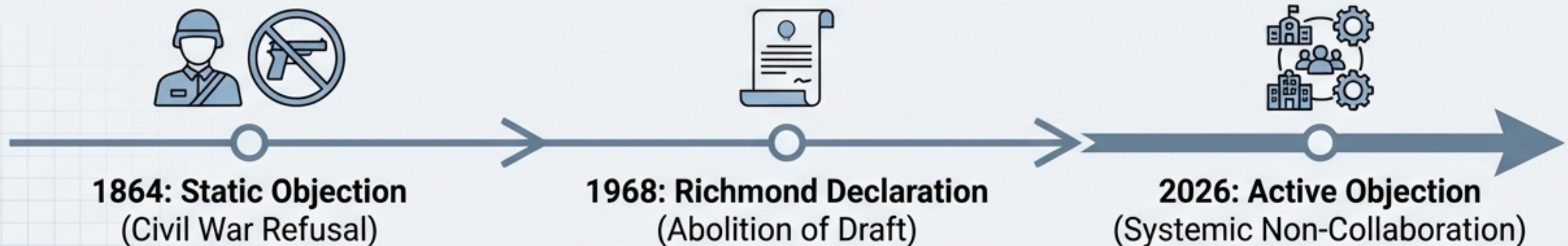


**Relational Reality.**  
Focus on Stewardship,  
Community, Mutual Aid.

# A Genealogy of Rupture: The Quaker Evolution

THE FRAMEWORK OF ACTIVE OBJECTION & LOGISTICS OF DESERTION		
FEATURE	STATIC OBJECTION (Historical)	ACTIVE OBJECTION (NewCO)
Primary Focus	Refusal to <b>bear arms</b>	Refusal to <b>collaborate</b> or <b>starve</b>
Mechanic	Seeking state <b>exemption</b>	Building <b>parallel governance</b>
Logistics	Personal ' <b>Negative Witness</b> '	Mutual Aid ' <b>Quartermaster Corps</b> '

## EVOLUTION OF OBJECTION



Key Figure: Jeff Kisling and the New Conscientious Objector (NewCO) framework. Shifting from individual moral refusal to collective, systemic non-collaboration with violent economies.

# THE THEOLOGY OF THE 'THIRD WAY'

## ANTISTĒNAI (Resist Not Evil)

Refusing to mirror the violence of the oppressor. Not submission, but 'counter-creation'.



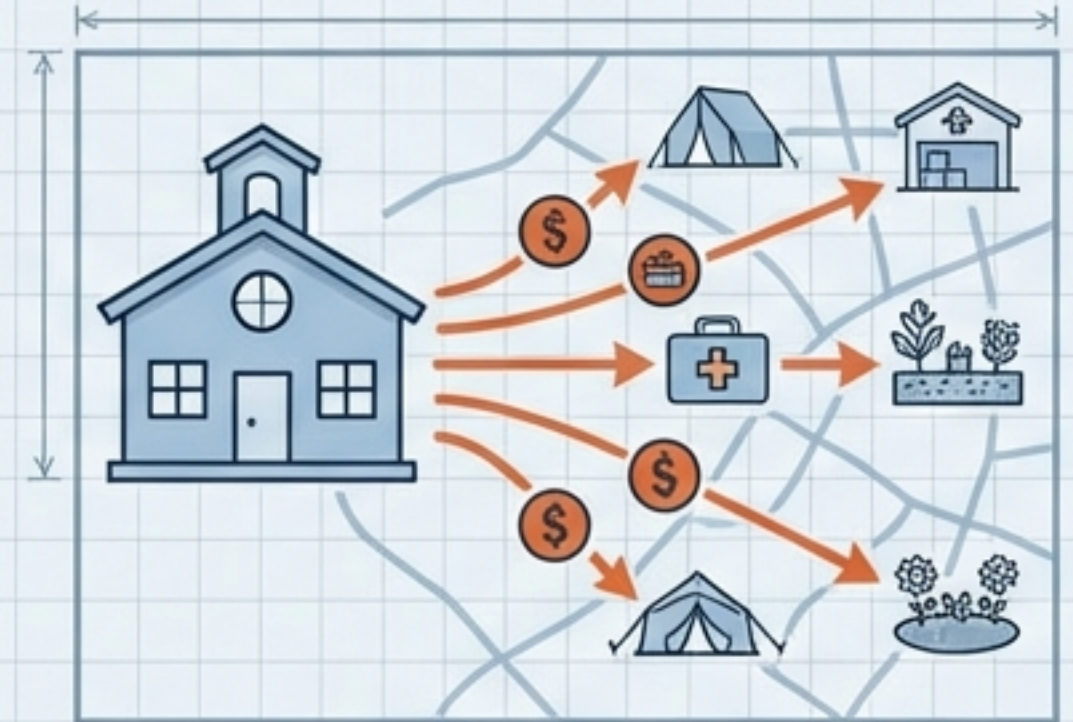
### 1. Transit Refusal (ATU 1005)

Systemic non-collaboration in logistics; refusal to transport enforcement personnel or materials.



### 2. "4th Amendment Businesses" refusing ICE entry

Asserting legal rights to deny warrantless searches, creating protected community spaces.



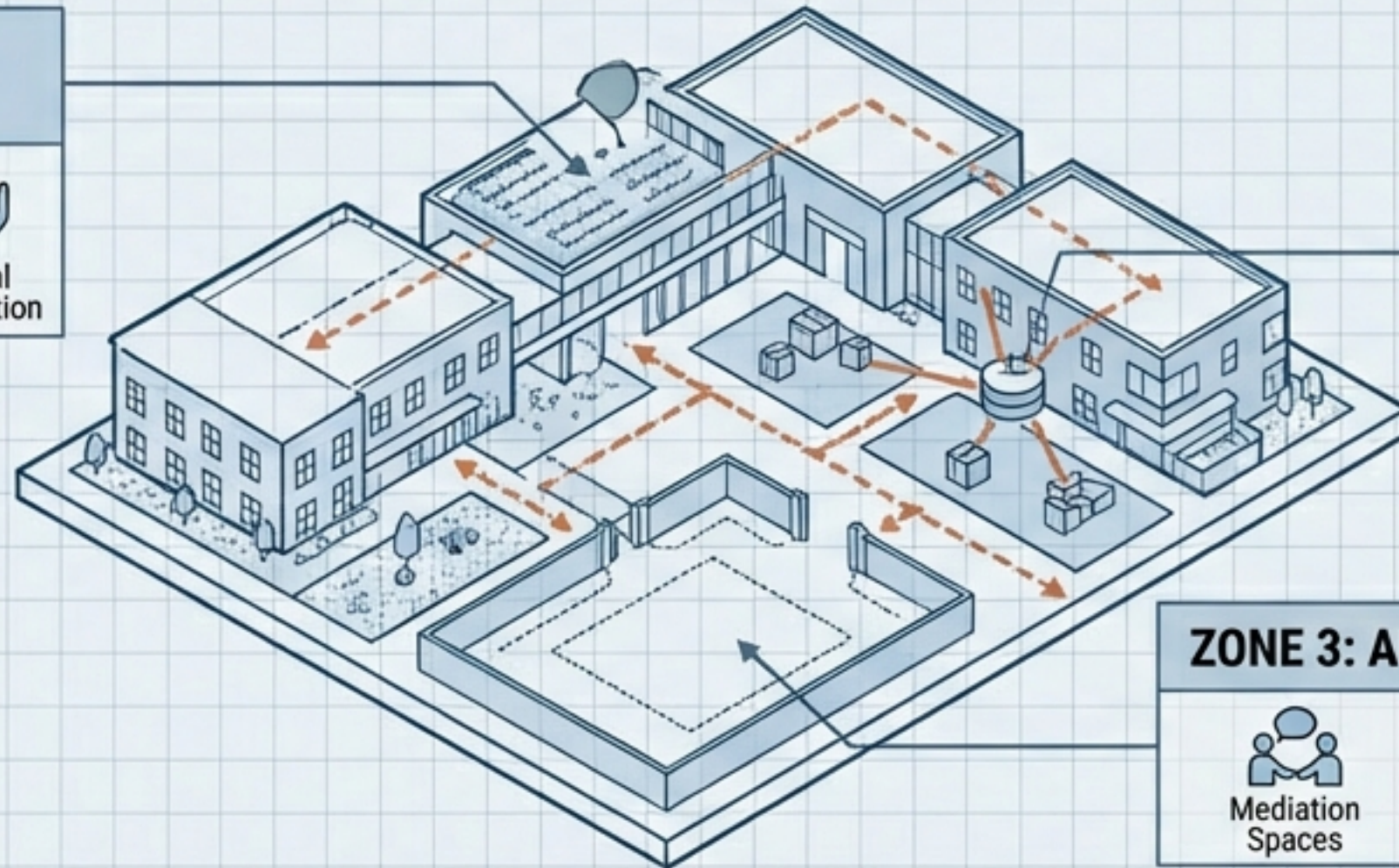
### 3. Institutional Self-Abnegation (Meetinghouses as logistics centers)

Redirecting resources from self-preservation to community support and mutual aid distribution.

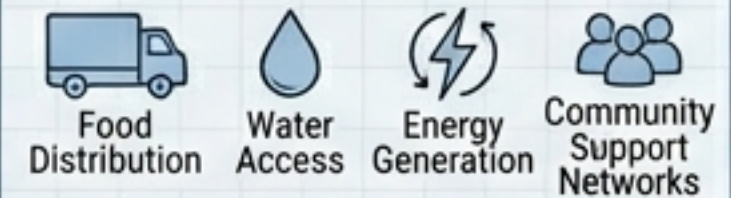
# THE PROTOTYPE: GPAS URBAN RESILIENCE HUB

## URBAN RESILIENCE HUB - IOWA CITY

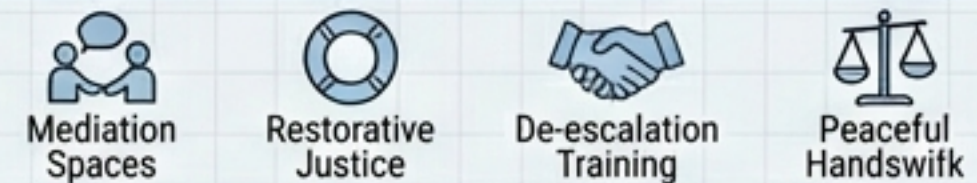
### ZONE 1: LANDBACK IMPLEMENTATION



### ZONE 2: MUTUAL AID LOGISTICS



### ZONE 3: ABOLITION/CONFLICT RESOLUTION



A concrete response to Christian colonial capitalist violence. The Great Plains Action Society (GPAS) created this hub not just as a protest space, but as **permanent infrastructure**. It facilitates '**Transformative Accomplice-ship**' moving resources to Indigenous leadership.

# A JUST RECOVERY: THE CITY COUNCIL'S STAND

CITY COUNCIL VISION

## EQUITABLE RECOVERY



Rejecting the bill for the occupation



**\$1 MILLION** FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE (EVICTION PREVENTION)



**\$5 MILLION** FOR SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY

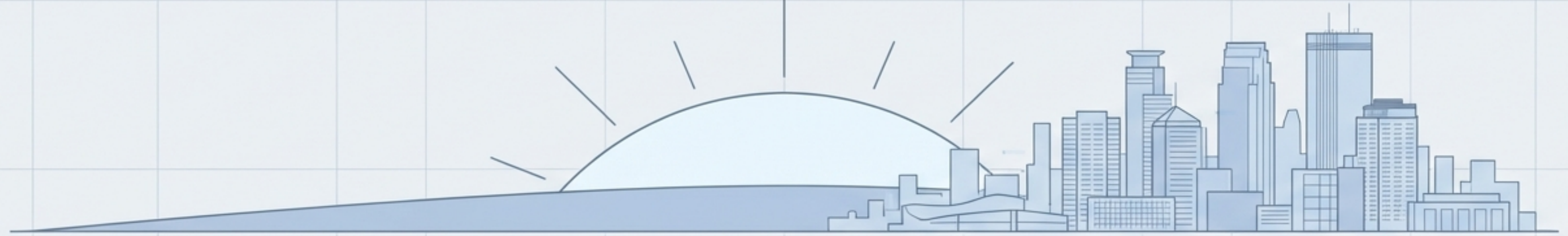
STATUS QUO



TAXING THE WORKING CLASS

“WE WILL NOT MAKE WORKING-CLASS PEOPLE FOOT THE BILL FOR THEIR OWN OCCUPATION.”

# THE LONG VIEW: "WHAT WILL FUTURE GENERATIONS THINK?"



## MOVING FROM THE "GREAT UNRAVELING" (CRISIS) TO THE "GREAT TURNING" (CARE).

Will they remember this as the end of society, or  
the moment we chose to build a new one?

Minneapolis demonstrates that we can build a society  
based on care amidst climate chaos and instability.

# GLOBAL RECOGNITION & LEGACY

## THE NATION

THE 2026 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINATION

Nominated for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize  
by the editors of The Nation.

Recognized for "Courageous Public Resistance"—demonstrating  
that ordinary residents can confront authoritarianism  
with dignity, mutual aid, and nonviolence.

A trans-geographical blueprint for resisting empire.

# RESOURCES & FURTHER READING



1. A Forensic History of the Quaker Peace Testimony
2. The New Conscientious Objector (NewCO) Framework
3. A Primer On The Role Of ICE And How To Fight It.

+ **“The only way to stop the machine is to stop being its fuel.”** +