

Fascist run out of Minneapolis while attempting to lead pro-ICE, anti-immigrant hate rally

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On Saturday in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, a pro-Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and anti-Muslim hate rally organized by racist Jake Lang was abruptly aborted after Lang was swarmed by local residents and counterprotesters. The robust community response to the rally underscores the unpopularity of Trump's "mass deportation" policies and attacks on immigrants.

Footage of the fascist being humiliated and driven out of Minneapolis quickly spread online and throughout the community. Residents of Minnesota's largest city, currently under federal occupation by some 3,000 Department of Homeland Security thugs, have spent the last month and a half organizing and resisting the federal occupation through "ICE Watch" networks and daily protests outside the Whipple Building, the main base of operations for the immigration Gestapo.

Lang's rally, advertised as the "March Against Minnesota Fraud," was called in support of the Trump administration's "big lie" that immigrants, especially Muslim and Somali Americans, are guilty of more than \$9 billion in welfare and social services fraud. Prior to the event, Lang promised he would burn a Quran on the steps of Minneapolis City Hall, an action he said was part of stopping "the Somali invasion of Minneapolis."

After pledging to burn the Quran, Lang promised that he and his fellow fascists would march through the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, home to many immigrants. His fascist march never made it to the neighborhood. Fewer than a dozen racists joined Lang's rally, while an estimated 3,000 people showed up to oppose the event.

Livestreams of the event show Lang being quickly surrounded by counterprotesters and forced to retreat.

Protesters called for Nazis to leave the state, along with immigration thugs. At various points Lang was pelted with snowballs, water balloons, and silly string. Sometime during the fracas Lang received a laceration on his head, although it remains unclear how that occurred.

The fascist was driven into one of the window alcoves outside City Hall. With tears streaming down his face, he pleaded with the crowd to leave him alone. A terrified and tearful Lang was eventually escorted away from City Hall by counterprotesters, some of whom physically encouraged him to leave.

After Lang left, Minneapolis police with a heavily armored Bearcat moved in to disperse the counterprotest. At this time it does not appear that any arrests have been made. Lang posted on social media that he had flown out of the state on Sunday.

While most Minnesotans expressed joy at Lang's aborted rally, fascists around the world fumed that police did not do a better job of protecting one of their own and lobbied for Trump to invoke the Insurrection Act, a threat he made last Thursday in response to community resistance to ICE kidnapping operations.

British fascist Tommy Robinson lamented on X that Lang "was almost lynched in Minneapolis and not 1 police officer in sight."

The "Liberals of TikTok" account, operated by fascist Chaya Raichik, posted footage of the counterprotester, writing, "It's open season on Conservatives and ICE agents. SEND IN THE NATIONAL GUARD. SHUT THE WHOLE PLACE DOWN."

Republican operative Benny Johnson likewise commented, "Time for the Insurrection Act."

Trump co-conspirator Alex Jones shared footage of

Lang being confronted on Saturday and warned that the “communists will do this to every single red-blooded American if we don’t get serious about taking our nation back.”

Jones followed his Saturday post by inviting Lang on the January 18 edition of his InfoWars program, which also featured Oath Keeper founder Elmer Stewart Rhodes, one of 10 fascists from the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys militia groups convicted of seditious conspiracy in connection with the January 6 siege.

Rhodes and Lang were among more than 1,500 far-right foot soldiers pardoned by President Donald Trump in January 2025 for their role in the failed coup. At the time Trump pardoned Lang, he had yet to be convicted but was in pretrial detention and facing a serious federal indictment that included assault charges against police. Video evidence confirms that Lang used a baseball bat to batter police officers defending the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

After being released from federal custody last year, Lang has embarked on a nationwide hate tour in support of the Trump administration and its fascist politics. In November 2025, Lang staged a similar provocation in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Michigan, home to thousands of immigrants, including many Muslims from Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Iraq. Similar to the Minneapolis hate rally, Lang promised to burn a Quran, which he carried with him and repeatedly slathered in bacon.

On January 4, 2026, Lang staged another fascist protest in Washington, DC, in front of the headquarters of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). After delivering a Nazi salute in front of the building, Lang declared, “White Christian men are not going to sit around while you turn our children into n*gger lovers.”



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