

RESOLUTION NO. M-1857

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA,
WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE CITY OF OLYMPIA A SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is a welcoming city that serves and protects its residents regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is a city of peace where those who are politically persecuted can find safe haven and sanctuary, with a history of supporting immigrant rights including refugees; and

WHEREAS, in the City Olympia all people, including immigrants, are respected and valued and are vital to our shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS, immigration has been a cornerstone of our city, region, state and nation's development throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, Washington's population grew by forty thousand (40,000) unauthorized residents between 2009 and 2014, making our state one of just six in the country with a growing unauthorized population; and

WHEREAS, Washington is the nation's eighth largest refugee-receiving state; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred thousand (100,000) Muslim residents are proud to call Washington their home and live peacefully as our neighbors, colleagues and friends; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-eight thousand (28,000) unauthorized youth in Washington received temporary status through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and they deserve an opportunity to have a bright future and to contribute their time and talent to make Olympia a city of innovation and growth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City of Olympia declares itself to be a Sanctuary City and;

Section 2. As a Sanctuary City, City employees will serve all residents, and City services will be accessible to all residents regardless of immigration status; and

Section 3. The City of Olympia will not inquire upon a resident's immigration status in providing municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and

Section 4. As a Sanctuary City, the City of Olympia will have policies that instruct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status, leaving that determination to federal authorities; and

Section 5. The City of Olympia shall refuse any requests that are an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions to federal authorities and shall not enter into any agreements to carry out such federal enforcement actions, but leave such actions to federal authorities; and

Section 6. The City of Olympia shall review its policies to ensure that they reflect Olympia's status as a Sanctuary City, including possible revision of City policies to comply with this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 13th day of December 2016.

Cheryl Seely
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jane Kirkemo
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barker
CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. #15392

A RESOLUTION relating to Thurston County being a welcoming community to residents regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County serves and protects its residents regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, in Thurston County all people, including immigrants, are respected and valued and are vital to our shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County benefits from cultural diversity of our citizens and workforce, that enriches our community; and

WHEREAS, immigration has been a cornerstone of our county, region, state and nation's development throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2016, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance outlining a policy where the Sheriff's Office will only support the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 48 hour Detainer Requests for individuals who have serious or violent felony conviction.

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County the following:

Section 1. Thurston County declares itself a welcoming community to all residents regardless of their immigration status.

ADOPTED this 13 day of December, 2016.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

Christa L. Bergman
Clerk of the Board

Sandra Romero
Sandra Romero, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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April 25, 2014

Nathalie Asher, Field Office Director
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Dear Ms. Asher:

As I'm sure you are aware, on Friday, April 11, 2014, a US District Court Magistrate Judge issued a ruling/determination in the state of Oregon (*Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County*) that ICE 48-Hour Detainer Requests are simply that, requests, and not a mandate. In her conclusion the Judge ruled that Clackamas County violated the defendant's civil rights when she was held in their custody solely on an ICE detainer request following her release on local charges.

Because of this recent ruling and until further notice, the Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau will no longer book and/or enter into our jail management system ICE 48-Hour Detainer Requests.

In an effort to continue working with your agency, we will continue to follow the same previously established booking processes of notifying ICE as it relates to those subjects identified as being born outside of the United States. However, if an ICE detainer request is received from your agency, it will simply be placed in the defendant's booking file and not entered into our jail management system as an outside jurisdictional hold. These detainer requests will simply be considered informational documents and will not interfere with or preclude the release of any defendant from our custody on bail, personal recognizance (PR), or time served. If a defendant is being transferred to another jurisdiction, a copy of the detainer request will accompany them, and the receiving jurisdiction(s) can individually determine whether they wish to honor it.

We have identified approximately eight persons currently in our custody with existing ICE 48-Hour Detainer Requests. Based on this directive, these holds will be dropped from our system and the faxed requests will remain in the defendant's file.

I feel we have and will continue to have an outstanding collaborative relationship with ICE and its personnel. However, it is our belief and the belief of our legal advisors that we must honor this recent ruling until such time that there is a change in the legal ruling of the Court(s) or a change in the ICE detainer process.

Sincerely,

John D. Snaza, Sheriff

"People First, Public Safety Always"

