



**City of Seattle Select Committee on
Federal Administration & Policy Changes**

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What we're hearing

Our members are frightened and face real impact: threats of mass deportation, a federal registry and cuts to health, education and social service programs create instability and distrust of government.

AND immigrants are resilient: communities are standing strong together through networks built over the past eight years, practices mutual aid and advocacy for state and local leadership.



Our focus on building power for the long-haul does not change

City Actions: Build and Maintain Trust

1. **Be vocal about support for immigrants** and refugees in every Council District and public venue.
2. **Continue Keep Washington Working Practices:** Prohibits local enforcement of federal immigration laws. Train all staff and departments on this and what is private versus public space (KYR for city employees).
3. **Bolster City's language access programs** to ensure messages and city services are reaching all communities.

City Actions: Funding & Policy

1. Maintain and expand City's investment in Legal Defense Network
2. Prepare for legal defense of the City's Sanctuary Policies and filing other lawsuits that infringe on Seattle's commitment to welcome immigrants
3. Invest in welcoming immigrant inclusion programs like citizenship, English and workforce development as well as immigrant protections such as know your rights trainings
4. Fund the needs of asylum seekers through coordination with county and other cities
5. Fund rapid response networks and deportation defense
6. Consider new local progressive revenue to meet urgent community needs

This is a moment for the City to follow its values, regardless of any change in federal policy or funding.



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