



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Welcoming City Data and Privacy Protections Resolution

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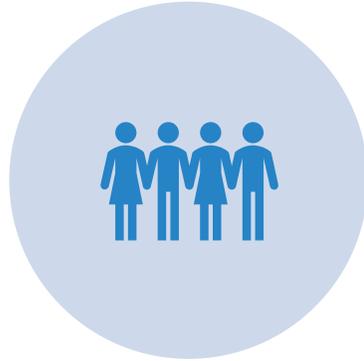
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY CHANGES

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Purpose of the Resolution

- Reaffirm Seattle's commitment to protecting personal data for all residents
- Ensure access to City services without disclosing immigration status or other personally identifying information that could make a resident vulnerable
- Reduce risks associated with expanding federal immigration enforcement
- Strengthen transparency and accountability in data sharing practices

Section 1: Policy Affirmations



CITY STAFF MUST NOT REQUIRE
DISCLOSURE OF IMMIGRATION
STATUS FOR ACCESS TO SERVICES



DEPARTMENTS MUST HAVE DATA
COLLECTION PRACTICES THAT
ALIGN WITH PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

- Council requests the Executive and departments review current data collection practices to align with the City's Privacy Principles, and requests that the Seattle Municipal Court similarly review its data practices, with particular attention to data collected and shared with Criminal Justice Information Services.

Key Privacy Principles

- Collect only the personal information necessary to deliver services
- Prevent misuse or unintended secondary use of personal data
- Safeguard residents from preventable harm related to data exposure
- Scrutinize what data is collected, how long it is stored, and legal disclosure requirements

Section 1A: Federal Data Sharing Review

- Assess whether any personal or identifying data is shared with federal agencies, even if those agencies are not directly responsible for immigration enforcement
- Limit data sharing unless required by law, federal funding conditions, or a valid judicial warrant
- Report to Council when federal data sharing is legally required
- Ensure no City resources are used for civil immigration enforcement except where legally mandated

Section 1B: Transparency Requirements

- Notify the Council promptly of federal data requests
- Report any data breaches that result in federal access to City records

Section 1C: Local, Regional, State Data Sharing Review

- Review sharing of personally identifiable information with other jurisdictions
- Limit sharing unless legally required, tied to funding, or based on a valid judicial warrant
- Provide a report analyzing vulnerabilities related to federal civil immigration enforcement access

Section 1D: Existing City Contractor Privacy Practices

Current City practice (built into FAS contracting terms and conditions):

- Contractors and City staff may not request unnecessary personal information, including immigration status
- No access to non-public spaces or non-public data for federal civil immigration enforcement purposes without prior City review and approval
- Contractors must immediately notify the City before responding to any federal immigration agency request and no data or access may be provided until the City authorizes next steps

Contracting Policy Updates Requested

- Review contractor policies and practices for alignment with the City privacy standards and laws
- Identify whether updates to the Responsible Contractor Policy or SMC are needed.
- Provide contractors with guidance on secure data handling, retention, and limits on data sharing
- Request report back by June 30 on Executive's efforts to review policies, ensure compliance, and provide guidance on privacy standards and secure data handling practices for contractors

Questions?