

Federal Response Update

March 5, 2026

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Federal Landscape

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has remained on shutdown following the lapse in DHS appropriations on February 13th
 - Negotiations continue to be at a stalemate with the Senate failing to advance a measure for DHS funding
 - Despite the shutdown, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) remains largely funded due to the passing of H.R.1 in the fall of 2025
- President Trump reiterated his administration's focus on halting immigration as a top priority during his State of the Union address
 - He also highlighted both Delilah's Law and the SAVE America Act (H.R. 7296)
- Cities across the nation continue to face significant levels of deployment of ICE agents

WA State Landscape

- With session wrapping up, state legislators are considering the following bills:
 - HB 2105 (Ortiz-Self) concerning immigrant worker protections.
 - HB 2165 (Obras) concerning peace officer false identification.
 - SB 5855 (Valdez) concerning law enforcement face coverings.
 - SB 5906 (Hansen) establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.
 - HB 2464 (Ortiz-Self) concerning reporting requirements and law enforcement responses for incidents at private detention facilities.
 - SB 5925 (Hansen) concerning the general powers and duties of the attorney general's office, including ability to issue civil investigate demands related to laws addressing law enforcement agency restrictions relating to federal immigration enforcement.

City Operations

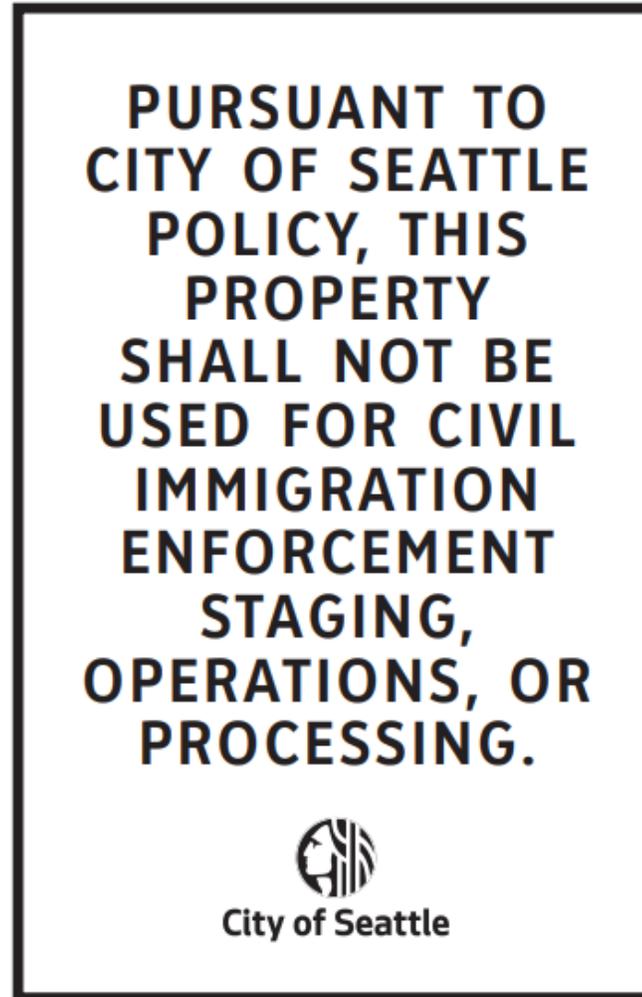
- Mayoral Directive to Staff
- Directive to Seattle Police Department
- Executive Order banning staging and operations on City property
- Compliance & Readiness training video
- Internal cross-department protocols and preparedness

The Mayor's directive asked departments to:

- Designate a department representative
- Make a department specific plan
- Conduct data and privacy review
- Mark non-public areas
- Promote availability of Compliance and Readiness training in Cornerstone

Signage on City property

650+ signs being installed on City owned and controlled parking lots, parks, plazas, vacant lots, storage facilities, garages and the Seattle Center.



Community Support, Engagement, and Communications



Community roundtable with Mayor, ongoing engagement



Stand Together Initiative for private property owners



\$4 million in funding



Planning for increase in basic needs



Stand Together website with resources: Seattle.gov/stand-together

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Stand Together: Let's Make Seattle a Welcoming City



This is your city. Everyone that lives, visits, or works here belongs here, and has a right to live with dignity and be safe in our city. City staff and police protect and serve everyone in the community. We promote policies and programs to foster inclusion for all residents and visitors regardless of their immigration or refugee status. Learn about [How Seattle is a Welcoming City](#).

City Policy on Immigration Enforcement

- City employees, including police, do not enforce federal civil immigration laws and cannot ask about an individual's immigration status.
- The federal government bears sole responsibility to enforce civil immigration laws. The City does not act under federal direction even amid heightened enforcement activity.

OIRA \$4M: Community Feedback



OIRA \$4M: Proposed Investment Areas

1. Legal Removal Defense
2. Rapid Response
 - *Community Grants*
 - *Support for Schools, Workers, and Businesses*
 - *Deportation Defense Coordination*
3. Investment into Areas Impacted by Federal Funding Cuts
 - *Legal Orientation Program for Detained Immigrants*
 - *Naturalization Services*
 - *ESOL & Adult Basic Education*
4. Emergency Assistance/Basic Needs
5. Language Access & Ethnic Media
6. Additional Staffing (2 FTEs)