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To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Ward 1, I am joining my friends and neighbors in asking Salem City Council to follow Woodburn and Hillsboro in declaring a state of emergency in Salem over ICE activity, including allocating an emergency fund for families who are impacted by deportation. I am extremely concerned by the uptick in activity we've experienced and how it harms families and our entire community. I am worried for our students who may be missing school out of fear, especially now that cell phones are locked away during class. I am worried about indiscriminate, race-based targeting of community members, which impacts us all, and opens the door for additional authoritarian actions against us. We need to use every tool at our disposal to condemn what is happening and strengthen local commitment to our community, friends, and neighbors.

To that end, I am also asking City Council to urge our County Commissioners to drop their lawsuit which challenges the Sanctuary Promise Act, which very clearly and unambiguously outlines our status as a sanctuary state. To further show support for residents of Salem, City Council members should also pass a local sanctuary status resolution to be very public and visible about what we stand for. We must protect our friends and neighbors and we have the avenues to do so. Your voice in the chorus will strengthen the call.

I also look to you to strengthen scrutiny on Salem PD to ensure that they are similarly protecting our laws and ordinances as well as our community members. We need you to get their commitment to never sign a 287g contract with federal immigration agencies, to require ICE identification to police, and to enforce criminal and traffic law violations against ICE. Enforcing the law is not interfering with federal activities. Finally, Salem PD must end its use of unmarked undercover vehicles, as they are often indiscernible from ICE and can cause additional panic and false flags for ICE activity. Please work with Salem PD to make this happen.

Thank you,  
Kris Bifulco

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**From:** elaine.hultengren@gmail.com  
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Attached is testimony to City Councilors about Item 6E. Please pass along to appropriate city council members. Thank you.

Testimony in support of Agenda Item 6e

Monday, November 24, 2025 6:00pm

Dear Salem City Council members

I am writing in support of our Latino community that is living in fear and being harassed without protection from our system of due process, one which is guaranteed under the Constitution. I support their efforts to have the Salem City Council pass a resolution in support of them and Salem as a Sanctuary City, as provided for in our State Statutes.

No one has the right to treat people in such a degrading manner, especially when the majority of them are law abiding human beings, who contribute so much to our agricultural and other industries. They are also folks who have served their punishment in jail for any law breaking that they may have been found guilty of. If they are here illegally, there is a system for taking care of that and I understand it is only a misdemeanor offense that can be managed in a sane and humane way. These folks are our neighbors and friends, with families, children who are being wounded in their young lives by the trauma that is being created by ICE agents. They contribute mightily to the stability of our local and state economies. They have been doing so for decades. We as a community will feel the economic as well as psychological impact of all of the harm and loss associated with these unlawful actions for several generations to come.

In addition to your support for a resolution, I am asking you to do the following that will also help to support them. Salem City Council will:

- Direct Salem Police to make a public commitment to NEVER sign a 287g contract.
- Require ICE agents to identify themselves to police.
- Make sure the City of Salem enforces criminal and traffic law violations against any ICE agents!
- Direct Salem Police to end the use of unmarked and undercover vehicles for Salem Police
- Release a detailed report of the surveillance system used by Salem Police, including any requests made by federal agencies: ICE, DEA, FBI and others.

This is a time of great uncertainty for ourselves, our community and our nation. We need to do the right thing locally and carry out the intent of our City's role in the Sanctuary system, using the State Sanctuary Statutes. We do not want to normalize a police state here, inspite of the federal government's intent. Let's start by being supportive of our neighbors and their children in ways that matter and will directly support them. Thank you for your consideration of these actions. Elaine Hultengren, a very outraged citizen. Address: 1570 Aerial Way SE Salem, Oregon 97302.