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To: [Julie Hoy](#); [Paul Tigan](#); [Dr. Irvin M Brown](#); [Vanessa Nordyke](#); [Micki Varney](#); [Linda Nishioka](#); [Shane Matthews](#); [Deanna Gwyn](#); [Cynthia LeBrun](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Tonight Vote
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December 1, 2025
City of Salem,

The e-mail connected to my e-mail is exactly how I think and feel about the actions of those supporting **"the declaration of a state of emergency over increased federal immigration activities."**

I urge everyone on the council to vote **NO** on this resolution to **declaration of a state of emergency over increased federal immigration activities.**

I will post this e-mail into the City of Salem pubic testimony via cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

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On Dec 1, 2025, at 10:28 AM, Cynthia LeBrun <cynthia.lebrun@icloud.com> wrote:

Good morning,

I watched the proceedings from your last council meeting regarding immigration concerns. Only three people gave testimony in support of ICE in our community. Their time was carefully monitored, they were harassed and ridiculed. This is why I do not feel comfortable in our community, especially at city council meetings.

Mayor Hoy laid out the ground rules that evening, trying to add civility to your meeting. As usual, the decorum was ignored by the vocal attendees. They made several 'demands' of the city as well as they threatened you. The council sat silent.

I agree with councilman Matthews, by declaring doubling down Salem as a sanctuary city puts a mark on our back to the feds.

What good is the statement going to do for our community?

1. How much time of the limited city administration services will this cost us creating the paperwork?
2. What will be achieved? It's a great talking point if you are running for Office this next term.
3. Will it make the whole community safer?

4. Will this statement be a welcome signal for additional undocumented people coming to Salem?
5. Does immigration enforcement fall under the responsibility of city government?
6. How much federal funding is at risk to our struggling city budget?

I'm not sure how many of the folks that offered testimony last week were representing documented citizens. City Council has never addressed publicly the outcome of finding one of the most well connected cartel members in Salem.

Because the opposition does not show up at your city council meetings, please do not think the opposing position, supporting law and order, is not alive and well in Salem. Look at how many people have signed the petition to stop the transportation tax.

Thanks for listening. I'll be watching from the safety of my home tonight.

Cynthia LeBrun
Ward 4
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tami Carpenter](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]COMMENT RE: Declaration of State of Emergency, 12-1-2025,
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:40:44 AM

From: Cindy Wignot <cbwiggy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:39 AM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]COMMENT RE: Declaration of State of Emergency, 12-1-2025,

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Hello,

First, I'd like to thank our Salem City Council for meeting about this issue and voting on whether to declare a state of emergency over the increase in immigration activity in Salem. This is very responsive and understanding of City Council.

My overall opinion on the nationwide and local increase in ICE activity comes back to the President's declaration that these arrests and enforcements would be made on the worst criminal offenders in our communities, the rapists, the murderers, the drug criminals... HOWEVER, this is NOT what is being done. We are having to watch helplessly as peaceful, non-violent, family-oriented, excellent community members who are hard-working farmworkers, teachers, and even winery owners are being humiliated with arrests at their jobs, at their children's schools and while shopping in our stores - often handled roughly & even wrestled to the ground. These folks may be in various states of the immigration process - or simply look to be Hispanic! They do NOT deserve to be treated as criminals.

This is ridiculous. This is inhumane. This makes no sense, either in an ethical sense or even a commercial, pragmatic, financial money-making sense.

As a registered voter, I call for a state of emergency and am eager to learn of other options that our city and state government can take to combat this small-headed way of seeing the world.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Laura Bowles-Wignot
Salem, OR

From: [Evan West](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [Vanessa Nordyke](#); [Linda Nishioka](#); [Julie Hoy](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Agenda Item 5.a
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Mayor Hoy and Members of City Council:

I will keep it brief. Please pass an emergency declaration, which will affirm your belief in the safety and prosperity of all of our city's residents. If any of you do not intend to support this overwhelming request of your constituents, please spare us any platitudes about the importance of safety or the rule of law. We will believe your words only if/when we see your corresponding actions.

Lastly, cities smaller than Salem have dedicated emergency funding to help affected families. Please include this provision in the emergency declaration as a demonstration of exactly how much Council cares for our community.

Sincerely,

Evan West, Ward 7.

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From: [Jennifer Carley](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Pass Resolution No. 2025-33 Please enter this into the meeting records.
Date: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:58:07 AM

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Dear Mayor Hoy and all City of Salem Councilors,
I fully support the passage of Resolution No. 2025-33 at your Council meeting tonight for all the reasons laid out in the Whereas portion of the resolution. I am horrified by the tactics being used by ICE to terrorize our community (and all communities in the US). The excessive use of force, detaining US citizens, grabbing parents in front of their children, damaging people's property, failing to have warrants, failing to identify themselves or state why they are detaining people, not giving due process, are all unconstitutional behaviors. Our community needs to demand that the constitutional rights of all people are respected and agents are identified, all "suspects" are given due process and all laws to protect the safety of all people are followed.
Vote yes on Resolution 2025-33.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Carley

From: [J Stemberge](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment: for City Council Meeting December 1, 2025
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 8:54:15 AM

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To: Salem City Council
Re: Emergency Declaration related to community impacts of federal immigration enforcement - Resolution No. 2025-33

I thank you for considering this Emergency Declaration, and for the discussion it has stimulated throughout the community.

I encourage you to add the category of "asylum seekers" to this Emergency Declaration. Asylum seekers are a separate category of immigrants to America, and deserve to be specifically named and protected from illegal immigration enforcement actions.

And, then I urge you to adopt the Emergency Declaration, as a statement of respect for all who call Salem home. For everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and to have their basic human rights respected.

In truth, we are all immigrants, or descendants of immigrants. Native Americans were the first to arrive from afar, and are the original immigrants to this land we now call Oregon. And then, over many many centuries, all the other immigrants came to America from all over the world. In truth, immigrants are the foundation of America and always have been.

And, unfortunately, it is now clear that we must protect our newest neighbors from the cruelty and harm of a federal government that has lost its decency.

Sincerely,
Joan Stemberge
Arrived in Salem 47 years ago.
Granddaughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe

From: [Keith](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Support ICE
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:32:28 PM

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Honorable City Council,

I want to address your declaration for a State of Emergency regarding ICE being in Salem enforcing the immigration laws of this country. Are you aware that undocumented immigrants entered our country **illegally**? Some of these illegal immigrants have warrants for their arrest for atrocious crimes committed here and in other countries. Some of them continue to commit crimes here. However, in your infamous wisdom, the Salem City Council chooses to ignore these facts and provide a sanctuary city for them. You wish to protect them which just boggles my mind. I'm sure you think you are doing good for these people, but you are just enabling them by spending taxpayer money to further your liberal stance and policies.

I have a Hispanic friend who followed the law and took the necessary steps to become a United States citizen. This took years of studying and dedication on his part, but with the city council's actions to protect the illegal immigrants who have entered our country illegally, it's like a slap in his face for the effort he went through to obtain his citizenship. You should be assisting ICE in removing these criminals from our community. Yes, that's exactly what they are, criminals. When did we begin supporting criminal actions? Stop your foolishness and support ICE instead of trying to thwart their efforts. Put the safety of American citizens ahead of your foolish pride.

Keith A. Blair

From: [Lex & Jordan Tingey](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment for Agenda Item 5-A
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City Council Members,

[SEP] I am Lex, I live near Ward 5 and work in Ward 3. I'm submitting this comment on Agenda Item 5-A.

Thank you for considering the Declaration of Emergency brought forward in response to the damage and terror that ICE has been bringing to our community.

It is a good start and addresses the beginning of what Latinos Unidos Siempre (LUS) asked of the Council at the last meeting.

Installing more signage, working closely with community partners (especially immigrant rights groups!), considering programs and policies to protect and support employees, and requesting more action from other elected officials is all important.

But I am, once again, disappointed with the Council's immediate leaning on "we can't do this" for so many of the requests made, if not outright ignoring them. We are in dangerous and terrifying times - times that require us to think outside of the box, to not just immediately fold over and comply in advance, but to consider how else we can make these things a possibility for our community.

For instance, the agenda discusses sanctuary zones at schools and immediately dismisses it as an impossible idea because the School District and City are separate governments. While that may be true, is there no hurt in opening communications? The City and District exist beside each other, they have other laws that impact each other, it would benefit both governments to at least *discuss* the potential of such. Is even discussing an idea like that between two governments - directed to be done amongst staff, not amongst governing body members - such an unheard of idea?

The same goes for the Marion County litigation. Yes, the City may not be party to the litigation, but you are all public officials with sway. You talk to other public officials, do you not? We all know that your words have power and that the City Council putting out at least a statement that they do not agree with the lawsuit, that they urge the County Commissioners to withdraw it, would do more than a nonsense statement that your hands are tied because you're not party to it. If the Mayor can attempt to impact camping laws "as a private citizen", then each of you can at least say something! Though, the City Council making a statement would be worth more.

Next, the legal memo on the Supremacy Clause makes sense. But what doesn't make sense is how law enforcement is supposed to know who are ICE agents and who are not when they will not identify themselves. Many are not wearing identifying gear, some are wearing police

vests, others are wearing “official” vests that match the ones that can be ordered off Amazon and other online retailers. Many commenters last week pointed out that trafficking cases have already been revealed under the guise of people pretending to be ICE agents (as well as some ICE agents trafficking while on the job).

So, are Salem PD just assuming that anyone who “looks like ICE” are ICE and letting them get away with any traffic violations or other crimes they see? How are they deciding who looks like ICE? Are they being communicated with ahead of time? Or, are they at least stopping people when violations are occurring and asking for identification so that they know they aren’t just letting some masked assailant get away with a crime who is pretending to be an ICE agent? This whole thing crumbles and puts our community at risk because ICE refuses to identify themselves and the PD won’t even try to enforce violations for fear of getting arrested. This puts us all in a deeply unsafe situation, because as the harm gets worse and the terror and fear grow, people are going to start fighting back and it’s going to lead to worse and worse situations. Salem PD could do something to at least try and ease the possibility of such outcomes by investigating all violations and stepping away only when they have confirmed it is indeed federal officers, not just assuming.

Lastly, the declaration is still missing material help for our community members who have been directly impacted by ICE’s actions and deportation. If your concern is where the money will come from, LUS offered one way to gain the funds by taxing Amazon - a giant corporation that pays none and assists ICE. Material help is an important part of showcasing that Salem does more than just says its cares about all of its residents, but shows that it actually does.

Please take the time to listen to your community members tonight and I urge you to move forward with the Emergency Declaration, but also consider making some important adjustments before doing so.

Thank you,
Lex T.

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Chairman@marioncountygop.org
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Message	Mayor Hoy, Councilors. I am writing you today for written testimony. I attended last week's meeting. What i saw by a group of activists (LUS) was a concerted effort to hijack the meeting with many of the scripted comments coming in, all by design to pull at your heartstrings. I know because this group who is led by Mano a Mano and PCUN who supply them with propaganda signage and scripted talking points. It was the same message over and over. This same group hijacked school board meetings making false claims, just like they did at the city council meeting to get you to change policy to fit their agenda. This resolution does not replace federal law, it is for not. The city shall not use any taxpayer revenue to go towards detained illegal immigrants. I and many long time resident homeowner taxpayers feel that you have forgotten who your income comes from. You it would seem to care more about illegal immigrants than the citizens who have helped build and fund our city. I am native to salem as was my family 2 generations ago. I'm 6th generation Oregonian, why do you forget us!! We don't want to fund anything illegal, not one cent. Don't let these activists lie to you about who is being arrested. They have a history of doing so. I also would bring to your attention, any member of the council that has ties to any non-profit that supports immigration to recuse themselves and disclose your relationship with said non-profit. No elected official should indulge in policy that directly benefits your program. I have been threatened by this group with physical harm in the past, I dont want anyone to be intimidated by them. Please hold decorum during the meeting. The vulgar language was not conducive to our culture in Salem. We taxpayers have had enough of harboring illegal immigrants (the proclamation does not mention this part) I understand the importance of immigrants and their contributions to our area. I still stand by what i said, if any illegal immigrant wants to work getting their citizenship and assimilation into our culture, I will gladly help them. I also do not support their demands of free stuff just like they mentioned about the newly elected mayor of New York has proclaimed. We are not a socialist socirlety and we should not promote any policy to enhance it. Margaret Thatcher said it best "the problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money" I am already taxed enough! I emphasize that you vote NO on Resolution 2025-33. Please listen to your tax base. Thank you for your time, Mike Slagle

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From: [Chair of MCDCC](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment - 12/1/25, Item 5a, Resolution No. 2025-33
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Hello,

Please see attached for written public comment from the Marion County Democratic Party for Item 5a on tonight's agenda.

Thank you very much.

In Solidarity,

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December 1, 2025

Salem City Council

Written Testimony Delivered via City Recorder

Dear Salem City Council,

The Marion County Democratic Party stands in unequivocal solidarity with Marion County's immigrant community. We write today to express our support of demands made by Latinos Unidos Siempre (LUS).

Our sincere thanks to Council President Linda Nishioka and Councilor Vanessa Nordyke for their motions at the last City Council meeting. We appreciate your efforts to acknowledge and address the emergency in our community created by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

In part, LUS is demanding that the City modify its budget to dedicate \$300,000 to those in Salem who are impacted by ICE detentions. We understand that the amount is equal in value to the city's minimum revenue guarantee for commercial airlines.

We support this investment. It is a critical support for Salem's immigrant community in a time of unprecedented crisis. We want Salem to join other cities in leading to protect their communities against federal overreach.

We believe the financial support which LUS is requesting from the City of Salem aligns with the City's Strategic Plan for Good Governance, to equitably provide services to the community; for a Strong and Diverse Economy, to address how indiscriminate immigration enforcement has caused decreased business activity and hardships in some industries; and for a Safe and

Healthy Community by helping Salem's public safety agencies keep the community safe from reckless behavior of ICE agents and residents through unlawful profiling and undue detention.

If the administration of these funds is a concern for city leadership, we encourage the Salem City Council to consider authorizing direct contributions to Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) and Mano a Mano, for use in assisting families in Salem impacted by ICE.

We acknowledge the city's financial hardships that have been well-publicized. However, some projections within the City's budget are better than forecasted, like paid downtown parking revenue. There are emergency contingencies built into the City's budget. This is an unprecedented situation - Salem needs to remember its local government did the right thing for those whose lives and families are seriously disrupted by ICE detention.

Mayor Julie Hoy spoke of the Supremacy Clause in her November 24 council comments. On the issue of immigration, the more pertinent part of the Constitution is the 10th Amendment. The Amendment commands that powers not addressed within the Constitution are reserved to the states. Therefore, federal immigration enforcement must be otherwise lawful under local and state law. The 10th Amendment ensures that bodies like state legislatures and city councils are not rendered useless and ineffective for lawmaking by federal forces, like ICE.

Credible reports exist that ICE agents drive recklessly, endangering Salem residents indiscriminately. ICE violates state criminal statutes by causing property damage and using assaultive excessive force. The City Council holds Salem Police to a higher standard.

Mayor Hoy's interpretation of the Supremacy Clause seems to mean that enforcement of federal immigration laws may cause violation of state and local laws at will. While this is a very surprising position for any mayor to have, it is especially so for one that is presently engaged in petitioning a referendum to seek local control over other issues. We genuinely invite Mayor Hoy to interpret this as a local control issue as well.

In reflection of Councilor Matthews and Gwyn's comments from the November 24 meeting, the divergence is centered on whether or not ICE in our city is acceptable in the first place. We understand our immigrant neighbors to be asking for leadership in extraordinary emergencies. While it cannot be prevented, in the absence of your county peers, only you can respond.

Thank you for your time reading and your consideration of financial support for Salem's families in crisis from ICE. We hope you can find ways to agree with the items that our neighbors need. Your leadership is important.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paige Barton". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Paige" and last name "Barton" clearly legible.

Paige Barton

Chair, Marion County Democratic Party

Testimony provided on behalf of the Marion County Democratic Executive Committee by approval

From: [Patrick Carney](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Testimony Dec 1 2025 Salem City Council
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I watched in amazement from home the last city council meeting as all decorum/politeness went totally off the rails. I would hope going forward any parties interrupting public testimony be removed from the meeting immediately. There were plenty of young kids reading testimony followed by angry 65 plus yr old grandmothers using the F word- what a poor example for anyone to have to watch.

The 3 minutes allotted speakers should be a citizen's time to participate in the process. Getting shouted down is an attempt to silence those opinions from everyday people who take a Monday evening away from their family to come share their opinion...The other side may not agree and should listen in an attempt to understand another way of looking at an issue. Instead, aggressive/loud objection is the modus operandi of people in the crowd who do not agree with the speaker sharing their experience/opinion.

I am still asking for a relocation of the Arches operating under MWVCA. "Compassion in motion" is on the card of the representatives from MWVCA and I think this organization is anything but compassionate. There are not measurable metrics to gauge use and efficiency of funds. From the numbers I have seen it looks like MWVCA took in @\$61mm in 2024 and spends @\$25mm on "admin" @\$41%...a shocking high number, I would love to see the salaries of all involved in the MWVCA. The addiction issue is big money for many non-profits...and MWVCA DOES NOT require sobriety or accountability. The compassionate approach would require both as it is the only proven model out there that works. If MWVCA is merely feeding people and not requiring any other changes in an addicts life they are not helping the addict, merely feeding them enough so they can continue to slowly kill themselves.

Lastly- ICE. Federal law trumps any State/City laws or ordinances. Declaring sanctuary policies creates a false sense of security...the city doesn't have the ability to enforce any protection from ICE etc...Any councilor supporting SANCTUARY policies also supported the biggest fentanyl bust in US HISTORY. The amount of fentanyl from that arrest could have had catastrophic consequences had it caught on fire or worse...dumped in the Santiam river compromising Salem's sole public water source. Sanctuary sounds nice - but it harbors and attracts nefarious activity; sex trafficking, drug activity, rape & murders....all supported by elected officials sworn to uphold current laws on the books.

Sincerely,

Patrick Carney 503-559-7007

From: [Penny Castleton](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Emergency declaration over U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrests and sweeps
Date: Sunday, November 30, 2025 12:25:57 PM

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The Escalator Ride. No, to the ride down. Yes, to the declaration. At the 2015 campaign announcement, Trump said: “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best... They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.” That phrasing is recorded and archived in contemporaneous reporting summarizing his kickoff speech. Ask any Latinx child what age they were when they first heard that. Ask them now how they feel about Trump acting on that toward the children using violence and fear. There is an increase in fear, anxiety and depression symptoms in these teenagers coupled with no hope for their futures. Look at 5,6,7,8,9 year-olds and put a 1 in front of those ages to see how long they have been terrorized by that campaign message. Welcome, is a very important word. Telling entire marginalized groups of people that they are not welcome in America, is not the right of anyone. Practicing terrorism on them, taking away due process and tearing families apart, feels like war crimes happening on American soil. Please vote yes, if for no other reason, to protect the children and have them see that protection as our proving that we welcome them here and that everyone deserves due process.

Penny Castleton

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Penny Castleton, MA, LPC ,971 461 2118 business phone

From: [Paula Fordham](#)
To: [Shane Matthews](#); [Deanna Gwyn](#); [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Comments for Dec 1st Meeting
Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025 1:35:57 PM

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Dear City Councillors,

Following last week's City of Salem meeting regarding ICE activities and the potential declaration of a State of Emergency, I am writing to you as a resident of Salem (Ward 8) and an immigrant of nearly 40 years.

First, I want to clarify - I support the legitimate arrest of individuals who have committed crimes and have not been held accountable. However, I believe we must reflect on our values and history during these frightening times.

The United States has been fortunate not to have faced war on its doorstep in recent history. I have family members who died in World War II; I grew up listening to 1st person accounts from both my Grandfathers who fought in the war. We must never forget, history is a reminder to stand up against persecution and targeting.

Throughout my life, I've only known of a few instances where individuals were aggressively taken from the streets: kidnappings, bank robberies, and the Holocaust. The Jewish population was deemed "undesirable" by the leader of Nazi Germany and faced persecution for simply being different. Yet even Nazi's did not hide behind masks.

I urge you to reconsider your "NO" votes from last week. Councillor Shane Matthews raised concerns about "retribution," which is exactly what those in power often seek to instill - fear in the community. I grew up just outside of London during the IRA bombings; instead of no longer going to London, we demonstrated defiance and resilience. We still went to London to prove we would not be held hostage by terroristic actions. As residents of Salem, it is our duty to stand up against the horrific actions of ICE.

If the Salem Police Department can track individuals through license plates, I ask why are they not conducting the arrests themselves, normalizing the process rather than allowing unchecked aggression from ICE.

I am also calling for transparency: please provide a list of all residents (legal or undocumented) who have been taken by ICE, including the reasons for their arrests and the subsequent plans for each individual. There is so much fear and misinformation in the community, and whole families are being traumatized....much of it due to lack of valid information.

To think we have children not going to school because they're frightened.....if those were your grandchildren, how would you be feeling? Your previous "No" votes suggest a lack of concern regarding all of these issues that will be deeply embedded in Salem long after your terms are completed.

Whilst declaring a State of Emergency may not completely resolve the terrifying actions of ICE, it would signal to the community that you care. And you stand against fear-mongering. Please do the

right thing, stand up for what is right and show the residents of Salem that you support ALL of us and will not allow our communities to be torn apart.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Paula Fordham
Ward 8

From: [Pamella Watson](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
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Madam Mayor, City Manager, City Council,

My name is Pamella Watson 97317

I am writing in favor of declaring a city emergency regarding the inhumane, violent and beyond cruel actions of ICE on our community.

To the response, what will it change?

It will mean we walk our talk in caring for ALL of our community.

It holds a unified MIRROR to the face of ICE and says, WE SEE YOU!

We see you smashing windows in cars on Lancaster and grabbing people out of their cars. We see you waiting out front of school's, bottle drops to perform your cruel, inhumane actions. Slamming people to the ground, children screaming and crying for their parents. We see you sending the toddlers and children to "Tender Care" facilities, just let that one sink in...while their parents fill private run detention centers.

We see, that perhaps the ones needing to be rounded up are the companies and winery, farm owners who entice our immigrants to risk their lives to come here on a promise of a better life.

So, a MIRROR is a powerful tool, just look in one and ask yourself do YOU SEE?

Maybe this emergency declaration won't stop ICE with any force but I don't want to be the one who says I DON'T SEE YOU!

Vote YES!

Respectfully submitted,

Pamella Watson

Community advocate, volunteer

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Sarah Evans](#)
To: [citycouncil](#); [CityRecorder](#)
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Good morning,

I am submitting this public comment in favor of item 5a on tonight's City Council agenda, Emergency Declaration related to community impacts of federal immigration enforcement.

I was one of the dozens of people who testified over three hours at last week's meeting (many more than the "several community members" noted in your meeting agenda). I wish I could be there again tonight, but I have a cold and need to stay home.

I strongly urge you, on behalf of all those you heard from last week and the countless more who were unable or too afraid to come to the meeting, please pass this emergency declaration.

ICE is terrorizing our community. They are creating so much fear for our residents that many are unwilling to leave their homes. They are arresting anyone who is brown, with no regard to whether those people have actually committed crimes or are U.S. citizens. They are using violence as they carry out these arrests. Regardless of where you stand on the immigration process, there is no good reason for human beings to be treated this way.

Councilor Matthews said he didn't want to have an emergency declaration because he thought it might bring even more ICE activity to Salem. The truth is that ICE is already here. All of Oregon has had a target on its back since Trump took office due to our democratic governor and legislature and Portland's Black Lives Matter protests in 2020. This includes Salem. A theoretical concern that this declaration would somehow make us more of a target is NOT a good reason to take no action at all.

Councilor Matthews also said he would not support an emergency declaration because he thought it would not actually accomplish anything. However, that's not the point. It's correct that the declaration would not do all the things that community members were asking for at the last meeting. But you should still pass this resolution because it is a strong statement to our community that you support them, you do not think ICE's actions in Salem are OK, and you want to do what you can to help the community. If you don't pass the resolution, you will instead send a message that you just don't care enough about our community members to do anything.

Please help uphold the safety of our community by voting in favor of the emergency declaration.

Thank you,
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Message	At the City Council Meeting on December 1, 2025, I strongly encourage you to vote for Resolution No. 2025-33, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Salem on account of the invasion of our city and terrorizing of our residents by ICE. My testimony on behalf of this resolution is attached.

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My name is Tom Ellis, and I live in South Salem, Ward 3. I wish to commend you on drafting your courageous and vitally important (Resolution No. 2025-33, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Salem on account of the invasion of our city and terrorizing of our residents by ICE. I strongly encourage you to pass this resolution unanimously.

The DNA of our nation, after all—that which defines us as Americans—is not our skin color, the language we speak, or our ethnic origins. Rather, it is the immortal words of the Declaration of Independence, which state unequivocally that the sole purpose of any government—Federal, State, or Local, is to secure the right of all people, citizen or not, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. ICE is directly violating these basic rights of our immigrant neighbors, and—increasingly, of US citizens as well.

ICE agents refer to themselves as “police” and as “Federal law enforcement officers”, but in reality, they are neither. Police exist to serve and protect our residents from crime—not to harass, brutalize, kidnap, and imprison innocent men, women, and children in inaccessible gulags, denying them their Constitutional right to due process. And “Federal law enforcement agents” exist to enforce, not violate, the US Constitution and the law of the land.

To those who fear reprisal from our vindictive “president” and his lawless, sycophantic regime, let me remind you of a famous quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt: “The only thing we have to fear is Fear itself.” Fear, after all, is a tyrant’s greatest weapon. When we act, as a community, with solidarity and courage, tyrants and the thugs who serve them lose their power over us. Let us therefore follow the shining example of our fellow Americans in Chicago, Portland, Charlotte, and elsewhere and nonviolently refuse to cooperate with evil. As Dr. King said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Thank you for your time.