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From: Rachael Atchison <occupyrachael@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:47 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Statement affirming Salem an Inclusive City (Item 5a)

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City Council,

I appreciate Councilor Nishioka putting discussion of this statement on the agenda tonight. While I do thank her for drawing this up, that statement is simply not enough. We need this council to immediately both declare a state of emergency and declare Salem a sanctuary city.

There has been a lot of focus from council on creating a "safe, clean and healthy" Salem. Well, now we've got heavily armed, masked and unidentified men smashing car windows to kidnap people on their way to work, in some instances literally disappearing them. We've got children afraid to go to school and friends and neighbors who are terrified to even go out to buy groceries. We've got abandoned vehicles left on busy streets, bike lanes filled with broken glass and residents everywhere traumatized by this domestic terrorism. How does this make Salem safe, clean or healthy?

Declare an emergency now because it is one! Free up funds to help families who have lost their breadwinner and help us organize an effective community response. We cannot allow this activity to continue unchallenged.

Declare Salem a sanctuary city! Our state's sanctuary laws (repeatedly shown to be the will of the people) are under attack, most recently by our very own Marion County Commissioners and county sheriffs. We must join the many Oregon cities who understand the importance of this act including Portland, Eugene, Corvallis and Beaverton. This would ensure that if state law should change the protection provisions will still remain in city code.

Responding to this unconstitutional assault with only kind words about inclusion is just not enough. We must enact policy change that will help us take care of each other because I sadly fear there is lots more hell headed our way.

Rachael Atchison
Ward 3

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From: Noah Barcenas <barcenasnoah03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:34 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]ICE in Salem

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Enough is Enough. The federal government under Republican control should not be allowed into the City of Salem. This includes ICE, FBI, DHS, and others that are willing to carry out the illegal orders of Donald Trump and his administration. Our people will not be terrorized by deputized masked thugs who point and threaten us with AR-15s as they steal our property. As stated from the federal government, it does not matter if you are a citizen of the United States of America or a tax paying migrant, if you are brown and/or speak Spanish, you can be targeted by federal officials. With nearly 25% of the Salem community identifying as hispanic, the Salem City council must protect them before fear spreads through our city.

Plain and simple, we need migrants. The United States of America was born, built, and has been maintained off the backs of hard working migrants from across the globe with the promise of a better life. Now, communities across the nation are starting to feel the economic impact of Trumps immigration policy. California is reporting that 7.2% of non-us citizens are not showing up for work in fear of being taken by ICE; people who would use the money they earned and put it back into their respective communities. And the people abducted in these raids weren't dangers to their communities; they were farmers, delivery drivers, street vendors, and other behind the scene jobs that keep the majority of the population happy and fed. And right now, Salem does not need anymore problems when it comes to our economy.

As our elected officials, please do your part and help because now is the time to stand up against authoritarianism and defend Democracy.

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From: Ivy Clark-Henry <ivy.clark.henry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:17 PM
To: CityRecorder; Paul Tigan
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment for Agenda Item 6-E

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Good afternoon,

My name is Ivy Clark-Henry, I'm a resident of Ward 1 and my spouse and I own a home in the Historic District of Salem, Oregon. I was born here in Salem and grew up in Ward 1.

I attempted to sign up this afternoon, a little after 12PM, but was unable to - the City of Salem's website gave me an error message, stating that the sign-up window for tonight's City of Salem meeting has closed, despite the 3PM deadline that was advertised.

I am writing in support of Latinos Unidos Siempre's demands that the City of Salem:

- Declare a state of emergency in the City of Salem
- Pass local sanctuary status resolution that strengthens Sanctuary Promise Act locally
- Pass an emergency response fund for families impacted by deportation and federal cuts
- City Council Members must demand that Marion County drop federal and state lawsuit that challenges the Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act

- Public commitment from Salem Police to never sign a 287g contract with federal immigration agencies
- Require ICE agents to identify themselves to police
- Enforce criminal and traffic law violations against any ICE agents
- End use of unmarked and undercover vehicles for Salem police
- Release a detailed report of the surveillance systems used by Salem Police, including any requests made by federal agencies: ICE, the DEA, the FBI, and others.

Your citizens and residents are being kidnapped off the streets - these are my neighbors, friends, and family. You owe it to the people of Salem to protect them and stand up to the federal government who is profiling and abducting our community members. The same people who are targeted by ICE are who make this city worth living in. Don't you dare take the coward's way out.

-Ivy Clark-Henry
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From: S G <sarahann503@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:25 PM
To: CityRecorder; citycouncil
Subject: [EXTERNAL]City Council Meeting agenda item 5a Nov 24 2025

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Hello, I a life long resident, public servant, and community advocate from Salem. I will be taking the opportunity tonight to speak up and out against the brutal treatment of our community. Over the last few months agents in masks have been seen all over social media in videos driving aggressively using vehicles without front license plates while detaining Salem residents. In order to keep our city safe we must address this current issue with the most urgent of priorities.

I am requesting the following demands.

1. Declare a state of emergency in the City of Salem.
2. Pass a local sanctuary status resolution that strengthens the Sanctuary Promise Act.
3. Establish an emergency response fund for families impacted by deportation and federal cuts.
4. City Council Members MUST demand that Marion County drop the federal and state lawsuits challenging the Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act.
5. Demands Regarding Policing:
 - a. Commitment from the Salem Police Department to never contract with federal immigration agencies outside of legal requirements.
 - b. Require ICE agents to identify themselves to police.
 - c. Enforce criminal and traffic law violations committed by agents in Salem.
 - d. End the use of unmarked and undercover vehicles by the Salem Police department.
 - e. Provide a detailed report of the surveillance systems used, including requests received from all federal agencies such as ICE, DEA, FBI, and others.

Thank you,
Sarah G
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Salem Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: Megan Harper <megan.harper0907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:46 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Comment about city sanctuary status

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Greetings,

I am a ward 4 resident urging each of you to vote in favor of reaffirming the city's sanctuary status.

The city's population has outpaced its ability to hire law enforcement. They are plenty busy. On a federal level, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement has poured resources into hiring. If nothing else, I am hoping you will vote to protect our resources.

There were 4 US citizens in Oregon obtained by ICE over the weekend. It is not just individuals without clear legal standing who are afraid. It is many, many people who happen to have brown skin. Many people whose legal standing is less clear are also contributing members of our community. We are going to further hurt our large Latinx community in Salem if we do not make a strong stand.

No matter what personal anecdotes can be told, the data does not bear out that immigrants make our communities more dangerous. Chief Womack explained in a previous episode of the What's Happening Salem podcast that his department are better able to complete their jobs with the sanctuary city status in effect.

Please listen to the data and our bottom line. We are all better off with Salem as a sanctuary city. I record current events so I can someday explain to my kids the strange times they lived through, and I'd love to someday show them that the whole city council supported our sanctuary city status.

Sincerely,

Megan Harper

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From: Ben Martin Horst <ben.martinhorst@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:50 PM
To: Mai Vang
Cc: citycouncil; CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Affirming Salem's commitment to Oregon Sanctuary law

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Dear Councilor Vang and Salem City Council,
I have been a resident of Salem's Ward 6 for 14 years. Like most residents of Salem and of the United States, I am the descendent of immigrants. Had current immigration policy been in place when my ancestors were coming to this continent, many would not have been allowed to enter legally, and yet here I am.

The past several weeks have been trying ones for northeast Salem. Neighbors have been assaulted by unidentified persons, likely federal agents, and spirited off to detention facilities unknown. Others have had their belongings seized and vehicles impounded. Noncitizens and citizens alike are living in fear, as anyone with brown skin or an accent seems to be a candidate for detention and deportation, regardless of their legal status.

This is not right. This is not just. This is not the America I want to live in. This is not the Salem I want to live in.

While I am grateful to Councilor Nishioka for bringing forward a motion to reaffirm Salem's status as an inclusive city, the motion as it stands is far too weak. This council must:

- Declare a state of emergency in the City of Salem. This dramatic federal overreach poses existential harm to many Salem residents. Lancaster-area businesses are facing catastrophic declines in sales and foot traffic. City resources must be brought to bear for the good of its residents.
- Pass a city Sanctuary Status resolution that affirms and strengthens state sanctuary protections.
- Lobby Marion County to drop lawsuits challenging Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Act.
- Clarify that federal agents operating in Salem cannot do so without any accountability. They must identify themselves to Salem police. The current actions of federal agents threaten to erode trust in law enforcement in general, and opens the door for bad-faith private citizens, militia groups, and vigilantes to impersonate law enforcement with no effective repercussions.
- Direct the Salem Police Department to enforce criminal and traffic law when violated by ICE and Border Patrol agents.
- Direct city staff to turn off Flock cameras and similar devices for the duration of this crisis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Benjamin D. Martin Horst

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: Laura Jamieson <laurajrnlc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:13 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Protests about ICE presence in Salem

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Speaking for me and my family, we are in support of ICE being allowed to operate fully and perform their sworn duties free of harassment, interference, and intimidation. Protest should be peaceful and not disturb the general traffic patterns, business or rest of residents, nor detract from the work of ICE agents.

The City Council should include similar affirmations if they conclude it is necessary to make a statement.

Thank you for listening.

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From: Janine Martinhorst <janine.martinhorst@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:57 PM
To: citycouncil; CityRecorder; Mai Vang
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Dear Councilor Vang and Salem City Council,

I have been a resident of Salem's Ward 6 for 14 years and a lifelong, 5th generation resident of the central Willamette Valley. Like most residents of Salem and of the United States, I am the descendent of immigrants. My ancestors came here for a better life and I like to think they and their descendants have contributed positively to the rich and diverse culture of this area. Had they moved here with the current immigration policies though, they likely would not have been able to enter legally.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Janine Martin Horst



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From: Ray Quisenberry <raylquisenberry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:52 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]This evenings council meeting regarding councilor Nishioka resolution

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Councilors and Mayor Hoy

My name is Ray Quisenberry. I'm a resident of Ward 1.

I'm writing in support of the resolution that will be brought forward by Councilor Nishioka to reaffirm our commitment to being an inclusive city. I would like to add that I want the city to follow in the footsteps of the city of Woodburn, declaring a state of emergency over these ICE raids, and even go beyond this. Along with the city helping all our residents with the emotional and financial stress being caused by this heartless administration, as Woodburn does, I want the city to do the following:

1. Tell the Department of Homeland Security that Salem will not allow fishing expeditions taken against our residents. Unless ICE has a warrant for a specific individual or individuals, they are not allowed to accost people in Salem. Doing so would be considered an assault, and ICE would be subject to arrest.
2. If ICE does not identify themselves, and not have a warrant, any seizure of an individual will be a kidnapping, and subject to arrest.
3. If ICE damages property, without identifying themselves and without possessing a warrant, then the agents will be arrested for property damage.

We need to be very clear with these thugs that they cannot continue to terrorize the people of Salem. It has to stop now! If the members of the council fear that such a bold stand would put the city in the crosshairs of ICE, it's too late, we are already there. Giving up to a bully only encourages their behavior. We owe it to everyone in Salem to grow a backbone and put our foot down.

Thank you

Ray Quisenberry

Sent from my iPad

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: Jennifer Valentine <jenvbend@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:32 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Resolution for Immigrants-- public comment

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I am support of Salem city council passing a resolution similar to Woodburn to create a state of emergency in Salem regarding increased and dangerous methodology of ICE. ICE should not be stalking people at schools or workplaces or forcing dangerous road interdictions -- these increase dangerous to law abiding citizens and immigrants with proper paperwork.

Jennifer Valentine
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I tried other links over the weekend and today for posting my comments and not clear to me why I was not able to do so easily, so sending my public comment for today's meeting to this email.