

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY,
OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-022

Resolution Recognizing Sanctuary Protections and Protocols for Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement Interaction, and Protecting County Resources and Data.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Trust and Safety: The health, safety, and general welfare of all Multnomah County residents are best served when all community members, regardless of immigration status, can access County services without fear of deportation or federal civil immigration enforcement.
- B. State Law: In 1987 Oregon became the first sanctuary state in the nation with the passage of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 181A.820. That statute prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from using agency moneys, equipment, or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws. In 2021 the Oregon legislature passed the Sanctuary Promise Act (HB 3265) codified at ORS 180.805-10 and ORS 181A.820-829. The Act expanded the limitations on state and local government participation or assistance in federal immigration enforcement by applying those restrictions to all state and local government bodies, and strictly limiting the types and circumstances in which any public bodies could share information with federal immigration enforcement authorities.
- C. County History: On December 22, 2016, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution (2016-132) reaffirming Multnomah County's sanctuary status and ensuring continued access to County resources and services regardless of immigration status. On October 28, 2025, at the direction of the Chair, Multnomah County moved to Partial Activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to ensure the coordination of operations between County offices and departments, promote alignment on internal and external communications, and further the role that Multnomah County has to leverage, coordinate, and deploy

critical resources in response to federal policies and actions. On November 18, 2025, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners received a briefing on the County's existing sanctuary status resolution and an update on actions and examples from other local jurisdictions. The Board provided direction to support a clear set of actions in the form of a resolution, budget modification to allocate funds, and an Ordinance to codify certain provisions into County code. On December 12, 2025, the Chair declared a state of emergency. On December 18, 2025, the Board approved a resolution and Budget Modification. On January 8, 2026, the Board voted to extend the state of emergency. On March 3 and 12, 2026, the Board received a briefing and held a work session to discuss further legislative action.

- D. Engagement: Multnomah County appreciates the contribution of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), community leaders, the Immigrant and Refugee Employee Resource Group, the Queer and Trans People of Color Employee Resource Group, and other County employees for their contributions to all the actions Multnomah County has done to reaffirm its sanctuary status.
- E. Multnomah County recognizes that immigrants and refugees are integral to Multnomah County's economy, workforce, education, politics, and future.
- F. This resolution provides additional policy direction to the Chair and Chief Operating Officer to operationalize Board policy and County ordinance.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves to:

1. Embrace its obligations under the Sanctuary Promise Act, and reaffirms its commitment to the safety and protection of immigrant communities by adopting the protections of the Sanctuary Promise Act as a matter of County policy and adhering to the standards set forth in ORS 180.805, ORS 181A.823(1-3), ORS 181A.826(1-3), and ORS 181A.829(1-3) in all its interactions with federal immigration authorities.
2. Expressly acknowledge a prohibition from entering into, renewing, or maintaining any contract, Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA), or memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any federal agency to house or detain individuals for

civil immigration violations. No County funds or facilities will be used to operate an immigration detention center.

3. Establish as County policy the following principals and support the Chair and Chief Operating Officer in operationalizing these sanctuary protections through administrative procedures and executive rule. In the development of these rules, collaboration, as is defined in the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) with impacted community experts, service providers, employee resource groups, and the County Sheriff's Office is encouraged. A report to the Board is requested to be provided by September 15, 2026, on the status and content of procedures and rules created.
 - a. No County resources, funds, personnel, or equipment will be utilized to facilitate federal civil immigration enforcement operations, except as required by a valid judicial warrant or court order.
 - b. All contracts, grants, and agreements awarded by Multnomah County will include a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the prohibitions against sharing personal data with federal immigration authorities to the fullest extent allowed by law.
 - c. Access to restricted areas of County facilities by agents of federal immigration authorities is not permitted unless the agent presents a judicial warrant signed by a federal magistrate or as otherwise authorized by applicable law. Restricted areas to be posted with visible signage, notification procedures created, and training provided. The administrative procedures and executive rulemaking process will clarify the extent of restricted access. It is the policy of the Board that members of the public have access to County services without disruption or harassment. To the greatest extent allowed by law, the County behavior rules and exclusion policy should be enforced to assure the persons accessing County facilities, parking lots, and appurtenances for County service are not subject to harassment, intimidation, or otherwise dissuaded from their lawful access to those services.
 - d. Data collection and requests will adhere to the restrictions on the collection and dissemination of information to federal immigration

authorities set forth in Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Act. Internal review processes to assure legal compliance to be formulated.

- e. Provide annual mandatory employee training on sanctuary protections in multiple languages.
 - f. Make free digital versions of annual training and relevant informational materials in multiple languages available to all County contractors to facilitate compliance with subsection (3)(b). Languages will be identified based on the limited English language proficiency population in Multnomah County or upon request.
 - g. Proactive and ongoing communication to County employees about the permissibility of international access to Workday and use of leave banks for immigration-related reasons.
 - h. Further exploration and evaluation of permitting negative leave balances and County paid leave for immigration impact-related situations.
 - i. In the event of an attempt by federal immigration enforcement authorities to access restricted areas without a valid judicial warrant, the department director must immediately notify the County chair, the chief operating officer, and the sheriff. Compliance with this rule does not encourage or authorize County personnel to physically obstruct federal agents in the performance of their duties. Any unauthorized or unlawful intrusion by federal agents into restricted areas of County facilities should be documented in an appropriate form developed by the chair or designee.
 - j. Requests from federal immigration enforcement authorities for access to County records, personnel, or facilities including subpoenas related to immigration enforcement must be immediately forwarded to the county attorney for legal review and provided to the chief operating officer.
4. The Board requests consideration of legislative action that bans or limits the ability for a private landowner to lease space to federal immigration officials for immigration enforcement. Any allowed use should be

conditioned on impact fees or remediation factors that address impacts on cost recovery associated with the unique burdens imposed by detention centers without shifting those costs to the broader public.

5. Starting in fiscal year 2027, the Board requests a bi-annual report on the status and feedback received on actions described in this resolution to protect our status as a sanctuary community and support County employees and people we serve as a welcoming and affirming place for immigrants and refugees.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2026.



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