

City of Redmond Resolution for Protecting and Preserving the United States Constitution and the Rights of Our Immigrant Community.

RESOLUTION NO...

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, AFFIRMING REDMOND AS A WELCOMING CITY FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND PROACTIVE PROTECTIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution guarantee fundamental rights including due process, equal protection under the law, and freedom from unreasonable search, seizure, and detention; and

WHEREAS, these constitutional protections apply to all persons, regardless of immigration status, and are essential to community safety, trust in government, and democratic governance; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has established strong legal protections for immigrant individuals, anti-discrimination policies, the Keep Washington Working Act, and Redmond is committed to upholding and expanding these protections; and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, Washington's labor force is home to 1.2 million immigrants who contribute nearly \$1 billion in state and local taxes and are responsible for 21 percent of the state's Gross Domestic Product, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 U.S. Census, over 44 percent of the City of Redmond's population was born outside the United States and nearly 48 percent speak a language other than English at home, and

WHEREAS, recent federal immigration enforcement actions across the country have raised serious community concerns regarding warrantless detentions, use of force in residential neighborhoods, the detention of U.S. citizens, and coercive tactics involving children; and

WHEREAS, such actions create fear, destabilize families, undermine trust in public institutions, and deter community members from accessing schools, healthcare, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has a proud history of inclusivity, tolerance, and compassion for all residents and the diversity of our people and cultures is a critical part of who we are as a City, and

WHEREAS, nationwide attacks on the rights and lives of immigrant individuals pose an urgent and immediate harm to the safety and well-being of Redmond's resilient community members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond strives to be a welcoming and culturally inclusive community and envisions a community where residents can fully and effectively access city services, influence city policy and direction, and feel a sense of belonging and safety as documented in our Respect Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) plan;

WHEREAS, this resolution adopts a policy consistent with RCW 43.17.425 which restricts state agencies, including state law enforcement, from using agency funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target Washington residents solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin, excluding specific statutory exceptions including, but not limited to, for the collection, use, or disclosure of information that is required to comply with state or federal law, or in response to a lawfully issued court order

WHEREAS additionally, RCW 10.93.160 is already applicable to the Redmond Police Department as a local law enforcement agency and provides that local law enforcement may not: inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth unless there is a connection between such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law; or provide information pursuant to notification requests from federal immigration authorities for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement, except as required by law, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond commits to proactive and visible support for the immigrant community through continued policy, advocacy, and investment in programs and services;

WHEREAS, by adopting a policy that implements the prohibitions already applicable to state agencies throughout Washington, the City Council will be making clear that the City of Redmond, like these state agencies, will not participate in these actions, we build trust with the community, affirm fundamental dignity of immigrants and refugees and create a more welcoming environment; Now, Therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That it is the policy of the City of Redmond that no City funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel will be used to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs or any other laws, rules, or policies that target individuals in Redmond solely on the basis of race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin; provided that, this policy shall not prohibit the collection, use, or disclosure of information that is required to comply with state or

federal law, in response to a lawfully issued court order, to carry out lawful city functions unrelated to immigration enforcement, or necessary to perform duties, functions, or other city business, as permitted by policy, ordinance, statute or rule.

Section 2. In order to support those most impacted by federal action, the City Council has already distributed rapid response dollars through our trusted and vetted community partners. The Council requests regular reporting and monitoring of the impact of these investments in order to continue to assess the need for future distributions; and

The City of Redmond will further support our immigrant communities through the following actions:

- (1) Ensure the City's website is well maintained with up-to-date resources and documents to help support our community members, by creating a central resource page with resources including but not limited to:
 - a. Links to federal, state, and local webpages, FAQ's, and forms
 - b. Links of trusted partner organizations who may be able to assist in related matters
- (2) Ensure that Redmond Police Department (RPD) officers turn on body cameras in order to record any interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for an additional perspective and documentation consistent with applicable federal, state, and local law and local Redmond body worn camera policies.
- (3) Direct RPD to establish and publish general guidance to the public on abandoned vehicle response due to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- (4) Continue to support culturally relevant community-based organizations who are critical partners in this space

Section 3. That the Mayor is directed to take appropriation action to ensure that the foregoing policy is implemented in all departments of the City.

WHEREAS this resolution is not intended to obstruct lawful federal authority, but to make clear that the City of Redmond is a welcoming community for all,

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND:

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.