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CONSIDERED: February 9, 2026



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The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. The City Council of the City of Eugene has a longstanding commitment to human rights, equity, inclusion, and the dignity and safety of all people, regardless of national origin or immigration status. This longstanding commitment has been demonstrated through the City Council's adoption of numerous resolutions and ordinances, including:

- 1.** Human Rights Municipal Code provisions, EC 4.613 - 4.655 (adopted in 1971, with the most recent amendment adopted in 2014 which made it unlawful to discriminate based on gender (Ord. 20523)).
- 2.** Resolution 5001 (adopted 2010) Supporting the Passage of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.
- 3.** Resolution 5013 (adopted 2010) Denouncing Hate, Intolerance, and Bias Activities in the City of Eugene.
- 4.** Resolution 5073 (adopted 2012) in Support of a Statement of Principles for Immigrant Integration.
- 5.** Resolution 5142 (adopted in 2015) Declaring the Urgency of the Housing and Homelessness Crisis.
- 6.** Resolution 5148 (adopted in 2016) Declaring the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- 7.** Resolution 5154 (adopted in 2016) Declaring the City of Eugene's Commitment in Protecting Refugees.
- 8.** Resolution 5174 (adopted in 2016) Declaring the City of Eugene's Commitment to Being a Welcoming, Inclusive and Safe Community for Everyone.

9. Council Ordinance No. 20579 (adopted 2017) Concerning Protections for Individuals and Adding Sections 2.495 and 2.497 to the Eugene Code, 1971.

10. Resolution No. 5190 (adopted 2017) Declaring the City of Eugene's Opposition to Anti-Semitic Hate and Bias Crimes.

11. Resolution No. 5206 (adopted 2017) Supporting the Continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program.

12. Resolution 5298 (adopted 2020) Opposing all Forms of Anti-Asian Sentiment.

13. Resolution Nos. 5274 and 5317 (adopted 2019 and 2021) Condemning White Nationalism.

B. Eugene is home to immigrant and mixed-status families who contribute significantly to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of the community, and whose stability and well-being are essential to the overall health and resilience of the City.

C. Federal immigration enforcement actions conducted by federal immigration enforcement agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), have resulted in widespread fear, trauma, family separation, loss of income, housing instability, and disruption of education for residents of Eugene and communities across the nation.

D. Reports of detention or deportation actions that raise due process concerns, including lack of meaningful access to legal protections, present serious humanitarian and constitutional issues, particularly for children, elderly, and other vulnerable dependents.

E. The sudden detention or removal of a family member often creates immediate humanitarian emergencies, including unmet basic needs, loss of transportation, risk of eviction, food insecurity, and long-term emotional harm to families and communities.

F. The City of Eugene has previously recognized that humanitarian crises - whether local, national, or international - require moral clarity, public leadership, and coordinated action to mitigate harm to affected residents.

G. The City Council affirms that all residents should feel safe accessing emergency services, reporting crimes, attending school, seeking medical care, going to work, and participating in civic life without fear, regardless of national origin or immigration status.

H. Both Oregon law and Eugene City Code limit the use of state and local resources for federal civil immigration enforcement, reflecting the principle that public safety and community trust are best served when local governments prioritize enforcement of local and state law and the provision of essential services.

I. Uncertainty regarding the City of Eugene's eligibility for federal funding - including the potential conditioning, reduction, or withdrawal of funds based on conflicts between

federal actions and Oregon law - creates instability for essential municipal services, undermines long-term planning, and threatens the City's ability to deliver housing, public health, transportation, safety, and humanitarian programs.

J. Many City-supported programs that serve our community's vulnerable populations rely in part on federal funding, and instability in those funding sources can disproportionately harm our most vulnerable residents and undermine equity-focused service delivery.

K. The City Council recognizes that responding to humanitarian harm, protecting community trust, ensuring continuity of essential municipal services, and safeguarding municipal interests are legitimate and necessary functions of local government.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council declares that the impacts of recent and ongoing federal immigration enforcement actions constitute a humanitarian crisis affecting members of the Eugene community.

Section 2. The City Council affirms its commitment to human rights, due process, family unity, and human dignity, and condemns actions that result in detention or deportation without meaningful access to legal protections.

Section 3. The City Council affirms the importance of peaceful civic engagement and the protection of First Amendment rights and encourages residents to engage safely and nonviolently in civic life.

Section 4. The City Council directs the City Manager to evaluate and propose options to strengthen City coordination on immigrant and refugee issues, including ongoing education opportunities for elected officials regarding immigration processes, local impacts, and trauma-informed governance.

Section 5. The City Council supports expanded language access, including interpretation, translation of materials, and bilingual staffing at high-contact service points. The City Council encourages the City Manager to promote a centralized, multilingual resource webpage to help impacted residents navigate available services and supports.

Section 6. The City Council encourages the City Manager to coordinate with relevant departments and partners to develop clear, multilingual guidance and assistance pathways to help families recover vehicles and avoid cascading financial harm resulting from sudden enforcement actions.

Section 7. The City Council reaffirms its commitment to protecting residents from harassment, intimidation, and violence, including individuals impacted by immigration

enforcement or exercising First Amendment rights. The City Council supports safe, trauma-informed reporting options for victims and witnesses that do not create additional harm or unintended immigration consequences, consistent with state law.

Section 8. The City Council supports the use of contracts, grants, memoranda of understanding, and access to City facilities to strengthen partnerships with immigrant-led and community-based organizations providing navigation, outreach, education, and humanitarian support.

Section 9. The City Council authorizes the City Attorney to represent the City in filing or joining Amicus Curiae briefs in state or federal courts involving significant Constitutional issues relating to the self-governance powers reserved to the States and their political subdivisions, particularly where such issues have the potential to create significant fiscal burdens, regulatory uncertainty, or are otherwise likely to erode principles of local self-governance.

Section 10. The City Manager shall provide regular public updates to the City Council regarding implementation of this Resolution, including coordination efforts, partnerships, communications improvements, and next steps.

Section 11. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the City or its employees to violate federal or state law. This Resolution shall be implemented consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Section 12. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the 9th day of February, 2026.



City Recorder