



Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
City of Portland

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Dear WIS Task Force,

As you well know, the hostile environment created by our federal administration has required us to give more of ourselves in order to stand united against attacks on our immigrant communities. This has been true for all of us in our different roles as school administrators, attorneys, community organizers, impacted community members, law enforcement, elected and regional leaders, and more. I remain inspired by all the ways in which Portlanders have stood together in defiance and in resistance to the hateful federal agenda. Your service to this Task Force is an important piece of that and I appreciate your time and dedication.

I have listened to your recommendations and hear very clearly that universal representation is a necessary action to provide immediate relief and protection. I want to honor your collective wisdom and respect the urgency you have communicated by letting you know that I will be working to implement universal representation for deportation relief. I will request that the City fund \$750,000 toward Oregon Ready's proposal and encourage you to share any feedback you may have about that model.

I want to be sure to acknowledge the budget realities that make it difficult to make promises. To support Oregon Ready's proposal, and as an act of good faith, I have decided to withdraw a \$750,000 budget request already submitted through my bureau, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. This difficult decision is one of many that my colleagues and I will have to make as we prioritize how to use our limited resources. I have appreciated the commitment of the entire Council to sanctuary city policies and look forward to collaborating with them throughout the budget process.

Thank you again for your role in moving this work forward. I will close this letter with an invitation: while the work of this task force has come to an end, please know that my staff and I welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with you all.

With gratitude,

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly