

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE EXCESSIVE FORCE AND SUPPORT DUE PROCESS

Resolution # 2026-02

- A. **WHEREAS**, The Constitution's Due Process Clause contained in the 5th and 14th Amendments protects all people, regardless of citizenship status. There are no exceptions to this, both constitutionally and ethically.
- B. **WHEREAS**, In Washington County, over 500 individuals have been taken in the last 6 months. These are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and people who work, live and play in Washington County. Every individual taken is a family torn apart.
- C. **WHEREAS**, we realize that in jurisdictions that have self-declared sanctuary status, such apprehensions will be carried out by federal officials including ICE, the Border Patrol, and/or Federal Marshals,
- D. **WHEREAS**, we agree that such apprehensions, when carried out with due process and legal authorization (judicial warrants) are in accordance with the law but may be observed and documented without interference by members of the local or regional community, and
- E. **WHEREAS**, our main concern is for the peace and safety of local communities throughout Oregon and the United States, and
- F. **WHEREAS**, we believe in the rule of law that says that all arrests made in regard to immigration enforcement are to be made in accordance with court orders and due process with a primary goal of community safety and order,
- G. **WHEREAS**, highly armed federal agents dressed in civilian clothes and without court warrants or legal identification can be indistinguishable from felonious, and potentially violent kidnappers, such that the targets of their actions have no basis for assuming due process, and
- H. **WHEREAS**, the use of extreme force such as breaking car windows or using firearms in such apprehensions leads to general community and personal fear and instability and does not encourage community cooperation in apprehending justifiable targets of such actions, and
- I. **WHEREAS**, the use of military forces to assist federal agents is both without justification and counterproductive and should be left to the judgement of the Governor of each state for determination, and
- J. **WHEREAS**, any claim of insurrection must be subject to the determination of elected officials that govern the area in question and must not be made, without full documentation, by a single branch of any government.

**THEREFORE WE, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON DO
HEREBY RESOLVE:**

1) We strongly condemn the use of excessive force in all immigration enforcement actions and demand these actions stop immediately with an emphasis on previous actions being fully and transparently investigated.

2) We condemn the use of non-uniformed agents operating without identification and warrants to conduct such apprehensions.

3) We urge all federal agents to engage in positive, non-coercive, and transparent efforts to interface with local communities.

4) We urge community members to be vigilant in their communities and engage in legal actions such as taking videos and notifying other community members when potentially inflammatory actions are occurring in their community. Such actions should avoid confrontations with or impediments to legally identified federal agents unless matters of personal or community safety are foremost.

5) We call on our elected officials to take any necessary legal actions to ensure that the actions of federal agents regarding immigration enforcement are conducted with due process, appropriate legal authority, and transparency. We also ask our local elected officials to work with law enforcement and community to increase transparency around how families can navigate federal agents in their community.

6) We call upon our elected Federal officials to put forth legislation to abolish ICE and fight for community members who have been unjustly detained and deported.