

Stand Together Seattle Initiative FAQ

What do the Mayoral Executive Order and Seattle City Council legislation on public staging mean?

Mayor Katie Wilson's Executive Order and City Council legislation prohibits the use of property that is both City-owned and City-controlled, for civil immigration enforcement activities and staging. The Seattle City Council enshrined legislation that protects City properties offering key services (like child care and health care) from such staging.

What does "staging" mean for immigration enforcement?

In the order, this is defined as when ICE or other agencies assemble, mobilize, and deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for civil immigration enforcement operations. Under the new City Council legislation, the City Attorney can seek legal relief if immigration enforcement stages on City-owned or City-controlled properties.

What City of Seattle properties does this legislation apply to?

This executive order applies to City owned and operated parking lots, parks, plazas, vacant lots, storage facilities, garages, and the Seattle Center. It does not include the public right-of-way used for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Does this Order prevent immigration enforcement in the City?

No. Federal immigration enforcement can continue, including in public spaces and in non-public spaces with signed judicial warrants.

Can private businesses and organizations also post signage?

Yes. Should private property owners wish to put up signage, sample Stand Together signage is available to print and post.

What does posting a sign mean for my business?

If you wish to post signage, you are communicating that no federal agent may enter your private property for civil immigration enforcement absent a judicial warrant or Court order.

Does the signage mean that ICE cannot enter my business?

The signage is specific to conducting immigration enforcement activities. If not conducting immigration enforcement activity, ICE agents may enter a private business as any other patron would, at the discretion of the property owner.