

# Enhancing Trust and Fairness for King County Immigrant Communities

## *Support King County Ordinance 2017-0487*

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A new Immigration Ordinance (2017-0487) before King County Council would make the County a national leader in protecting everyone's safety and civil rights. The Immigration Ordinance would prevent the use of County funds and resources on federal immigration enforcement, require ICE to get a judicial warrant to access non-public parts of King County's property, and ensure that immigrants in County custody know their rights.

This Ordinance will ensure that King County's limited resources are not spent collaborating with the Trump Administration's aggressive deportation agenda. If the County becomes an extension of the federal immigration system, noncitizens are less likely to report crime or appear as witnesses, making us all less safe. Specifically, the Ordinance:

### **Upholds the Rights of Noncitizens.**

- King County agents are prohibited from inquiring about immigration status or investigating whether a person has violated civil immigration laws.
- King County cannot deny anyone county services based on immigration status, unless required by law.
- King County will not give immigration agents access to nonpublic areas of King County property or databases without a judicial warrant.
- King County agents will not maintain or share confidential information without a judicial warrant, unless required by law.
- King County will establish a fund to provide legal representation for indigent immigrants in deportation proceedings.
- King County will create a fund to support citizenship services and English classes, and language access is expanded across county services.

### **Limits King County Jail from Collaborating with ICE.**

- King County Jail will not honor ICE requests for notification or detention, unless accompanied by a judicial warrant.
- Jail staff will not collect "place of birth" information, which is used by immigration agents to begin investigations for detention and deportation.
- Jail staff will explain to all people in jail facing ICE interviews their right to remain silent and the opportunity to decline an interview. This information is critical because ICE agents, unlike police, are not required to inform people that they have the right to remain silent. The Miranda warning does not apply because immigration enforcement is civil, not criminal, in nature.

