

FACT SHEET: Hancock Administration Proposed Executive Order

Making Denver Safe and Welcoming for all People

We continue to stand with Denver's immigrant and refugee communities and are committed to protecting them and their contributions to the vitality of our city from the Trump administration's chaotic immigration policies.

This is why the city has reformed its sentencing laws, created Plea by Mail, provided safe harbor for immigrant and refugee victims and joined litigation challenging the White House's immigration policies.

The Hancock Administration is proposing an Executive Order that focuses on the respect, trust and collaboration between community members and city officials that is critical to keeping Denver's immigrant and refugee communities safe and thriving. This proposal is in draft form and will continue to incorporate input moving forward.

Through this Executive Order, we will establish Denver as a safe and welcoming city.

1. We will formally remove Denver from immigration enforcement by memorializing the city's policies that keep those duties with the federal government.
2. We will take new actions, like the exploration of a legal defense fund that we would seek to establish in partnership with Councilman Paul Lopez and the Denver City Council, non-profits and the legal community.
3. We will protect victims of crime regardless of their immigration status and hold violent offenders in our community accountable, including those who prey on immigrants.
4. We will assist children and families who become separated by the country's broken immigration system.

Mayor Hancock's Executive Order:

- 1. Places into Official City Policy the current practices of the City and County of Denver, Denver Police Department and Denver Sheriff Department, including:**
 - It is the responsibility of the federal government to enforce immigration law, not the City and County of Denver. No entity or employee of the city will act for the purposes of enforcing federal immigration laws.
 - The Denver Police Department or Denver Sheriff Department will not enforce civil immigration law based on immigration or citizenship status, absent a warrant; however, if a criminal warrant is present, the individual would be arrested.
 - Neither the Denver Police Department nor Denver Sheriff Department will honor federal immigration detainer requests or hold individuals beyond when they would be eligible for release, absent a warrant.

- Neither the Denver Police Department or Denver Sheriff Department will participate in ICE or Homeland Security operations meant to solely enforce federal civil immigration law.
- Upon request by ICE of an in-person or telephone interview of an inmate in the Denver County Jail, inmates will be provided a written document advising them of their rights to refuse the interview, remain silent and speak to an attorney. The Denver Sheriff Department will inform ICE of the inmate's decisions regarding interviews.
- Federal immigration authorities will be prohibited from entering secure areas of any city-owned law enforcement facility without a warrant.
- The Denver Police Department will continue to serve and protect all Denver residents and visitors, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

2. Establishes a Legal Defense Fund through January 20, 2021 to provide residents threatened with deportation with legal representation, and continues legal avenues the city as taken to combat reckless immigration and refugee orders issued by the White House, including:

- The city will form a working group to track federal immigration law, policy and enforcement, as well as monitor city policies to support public safety and the rights of immigrants and refugees.
- Denver will continue to evaluate, join and/or lead "friend of the court" briefs on a case-by-case basis where the outcome may have a meaningful impact on the rights of immigrants and refugees in the city.
- Denver will work with other government agencies and the community to resettle refugees.
- Advocating for fair and just refugee acceptance policies that do not take religion or political affiliation into account.

3. Protects victims of crime and holds violent offenders accountable by:

- Continuing to fully participate in the federal U-Visa program to protect victims of crime and hold violent offenders accountable for their crimes;
- Partnering with the Rose Amdom Center to provide a safe space for victims and witnesses awaiting court appearances;
- Advocating that, in addition to schools, hospitals and places of worship, court houses should be respected as "sensitive areas" where immigration enforcement does not take place to ensure the fair and effective administration of justice; and
- Pursuing enhanced sentences for those who conduct hate crimes.

4. Supports families who have been separated due to a broken immigration system by:

- Partnering with foreign consulates to assist families subject to deportation proceedings with child placement;
- Assisting children in applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile Visas;
- Assisting children and families with access kinship placement;
- Developing a plan to assist with visitation when the parent is deported and the child remains in the United States.

Any employee or officer who violates any provision of Executive Order No. XXX will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.