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Statement from Mayor Denis Law on local impact of federal changes

“The recent executive orders by President Trump, especially those related to immigration, have created a lot of fear and concern throughout the country and in our community. Renton’s community members have been asking how our city is dealing with the issue.

Our policy is no different than those cities that have made a sanctuary city designation. As part of our business plan, Renton’s mission statement stresses our commitment to build an inclusive city with opportunities for all. Renton employees, including our police officers, do not check on the immigration status or documentation of our residents. We have been meeting with community leaders and members from our immigrant communities to reassure them that we have no plans to check on the status of those doing business with the city or requesting police or any other city assistance, regardless of mandates coming from the White House.

We have concerns that some immigrants may hesitate to call for help, fearing they will jeopardize their personal situations. I want to assure all our residents that the City of Renton is committed to their safety and well-being. If you or your family feel unsafe or need help, or if you witness incidents of harassment, bullying or hate crimes please call 9-1-1.”