

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize City Attorney to Appear as Amicus Curiae to Support City Interests in Fair Treatment of Immigrants. (Resolution).
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- The City Attorney's Office has received a number of requests to join with other cities and government entities in challenges to President Trump's executive orders relating to immigration and "sanctuary" jurisdictions. Frequently, we receive these requests with insufficient time to process a Resolution through the Council. The Council already has identified the City's core interests in protecting our immigrant community, and has authorized participation in similar amicus efforts in the past. This Resolution would give express authority to join amicus filings in pending actions in federal courts in Massachusetts and California, and would generally authorize the City Attorney, subject to the Mayor's consent, to join in such efforts in other cases which implicate the City's interest in the humane treatment of all persons, regardless of their immigration status.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- There is no meaningful budgetary impact. We typically will not be directly spending money out-of-pocket, as we will be simply authorizing other entities to add our name to amicus briefs they are preparing and filing. There will be some incidental staff time involved for lawyers to review the proposed briefs or to request other City staff to provide factual information in support of the filings. But these efforts will be minimal, generally not requiring more than a few hours for all the tasks associated with any given filing.

Community impacts and community involvement:

We have not conducted any public involvement process, as these are legal matters. In the Council hearings on previous Resolutions, the community has supported our involvement in these efforts. This Resolution will benefit all Portland communities, particularly those including immigrants, and, typically, those of diverse cultural, ethnic, racial, religious, language, low-income and under-served populations, throughout all neighborhoods. It supports the efforts of businesses, particularly small businesses, whose employee and customer pools may include people subject to the type of enforcement actions being challenged. It furthers the City's interest in maintaining the cultural, economic, and law enforcement benefits of a diverse community unhampered by fear.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount