

The City of Boston



EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAYOR MICHELLE WU

An Executive Order Affirming the Due Process Rights of Bostonians and Seeking Information on Immigration Enforcement

WHEREAS: Boston is the safest major city in the country due to decades of relationship-building between police officers, neighborhood leaders, clergy, public health workers, community partners, and residents; the strongest gun laws in the country; and because all of our residents trust that they can reach out for help in the event of an emergency, or to share information to help solve crimes; *and*

WHEREAS: Community safety is the cornerstone of our efforts to make Boston a home for everyone, and in 2024, Boston recorded the lowest number of homicides since at least 1957, the first year for which there is reliable data, the fewest incidents of gunfire in the last ten years, and 67% fewer residential burglaries and 42% fewer motor vehicle thefts than a decade ago. Boston has delivered the largest-ever expansion of free, high-quality early education, early college seats in our high schools, and record investments to ensure every young person in Boston has access to a summer job; the most income-restricted housing units built in any three-year period over the last 25 years; the addition of 58,000 new jobs to the City's economy; and City support to help establish more than 700 new businesses; all of which enhance the vitality, health, and safety of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: Community policing relies on residents working together with the Boston Police Department, and Boston Police officers upholding the highest standards for training and accountability. Boston Police wear badges and uniforms, follow due process in conducting arrests and investigatory actions, and do not routinely disguise their faces with masks. Boston Police collaborate daily with state and federal law enforcement on joint tasks forces, criminal investigations, and criminal warrant enforcement to keep Bostonians safe; *and*

WHEREAS: In recent months, there have been numerous reports of federal immigration enforcement activity within the City of Boston, including allegations of conduct by federal law enforcement officers that has caused fear and undermined Boston's public safety. This alleged conduct includes federal officers arresting and detaining individuals without affording due process rights; refusing to share information about the reason for an individual's arrest or the location where an individual will be detained; causing property damage to cars, homes, and businesses in Boston; routinely wearing masks and refusing to

provide identification; and questioning residents about their immigration status based on their race or ethnicity; *and*

WHEREAS: Mass deportation efforts, especially without due process, threaten the wellbeing of Boston families and neighborhoods, causing economic pain and hardship and social disruption; *and*

WHEREAS: City of Boston officials comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and do not obstruct or interfere with federal officials in the performance of their duties; *and*

WHEREAS: Federal agencies have failed to provide City officials with timely and full information on the number of Bostonians arrested, detained, and deported; the locations where Bostonians are held; the reasons for those arrests; and the legal process afforded to Boston residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

Pursuant to the authority invested in me as the chief executive officer of the City of Boston by St. 1948, c. 452, s. 11, as amended, I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Support for “Know Your Rights” Training and Information Sharing

The City shall ensure that Know Your Rights information is available to Boston residents.

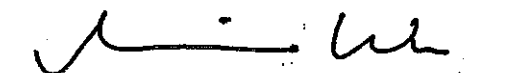
Section 2: City Information Gathering

In an effort to further accountability, transparency, and due process across all levels of government, the City shall regularly submit federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) concerning federal immigration enforcement activity within the City of Boston, including to ascertain the date, time, and location of enforcement activity; the names of individuals who are arrested or detained; and the alleged criminal conduct for which they were arrested or detained; and may report publicly the status and outcomes of any such FOIA requests. The City may also submit FOIA requests related to policies regarding federal officers’ use of face masks and the display of badges and/or other forms of identification. The City may also request information on immigration enforcement activity in Boston from consular offices serving the City and residents of Boston.

Section 3: Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025



Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston