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LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS ANTI-ICE RESOLUTION

It was standing room only at the January 26th Lincoln City City Council meeting, as Lincoln County community members, both for and against ICE crowded into the chamber. During the public comment segment of the meeting, 17 People spoke of the damage already being done by the DHS presence in our community, and the need to keep federal agents from establishing a foothold here. On the flip side, four People spoke in favor of ICE presence, and the enhanced safety they believe the agents offer.

In addition, councilors said they'd received 65 public comments via email, with 54 in favor of no ICE activity in Lincoln City or County. The comments included requests for the City Council to adopt a resolution or proclamation, similar to neighboring coastal towns. They also voiced

rejection of the idea that anti-ICE/anti-Trump comments displays were intimidating MAGA supporters, as had been maintained at a previous meeting.

The Council is considering four versions of a resolution, including one formulated by Council Member Marci Baker. Baker's resolution primarily joins other coastal towns in taking a stand against the development of a detention facility in Newport. A second resolution, resulting from a collaboration of ILC

members and including an attorney, expanded on points from Baker's document, adding language in opposition to federal agents conducting their operations in our community — especially in regard to the aggressive tactics they've been using in other communities — and establishing a foothold here in



Mary Beth Guerena reads a resolution proposal at the Jan. 26 Lincoln City City Council Meeting. Screen capture.

Lincoln City. It was drafted and presented by Mary Beth Guerena at the meeting. Two other resolutions in support of ICE are also reportedly being floated. All four resolution drafts will be reviewed by an attorney and considered by the City Council.

The next meeting is February 9th. This one could prove decisive as far as a resolution to keep ICE from becoming established in our community is concerned. Please come or write to them (publiccomment@lincolncity.org) prior to noon that day, expressing support for a resolution. Let's show them we are *not* a minority.

If you missed the January 26th meeting, you can watch it online at:

<https://pub-lincolncity.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=9fcfb2c1-0371-4524-b6e3-54d1621278ee&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=6&Tab=attachments>

REFLECTIONS ON THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FROM THOSE ATTENDING

There is a chance they could get the Resolution from staff on Monday morning (2/9) in time to review and discuss it. But if they don't see it beforehand, they won't be discussing it on Monday.

*Let's stay focused on this resolution and our impact. **Sheer numbers matter** — that is how representative government works. The council can only know what they see and the Hilltop Patriots always show up.*

In order to show we are serious and not a minority, we need to show up again at the meeting. Come ready to speak. If you haven't done so and are nervous, let folks who have done it before help you. We are all in this together.

*The same applies to written comments. If you haven't sent in a comment, NOW is the final opportunity to make your thoughts a matter of public record. You can ask for help with this, too. Whether showing up at a meeting or sending in a comment...**numbers matter**.*

~Shar Walbaum



Last Monday, I walked into City Hall to share a draft proposal for a resolution regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement in Lincoln City. The room was filled with people, and I felt a bit of apprehension. But soon I felt safe and welcomed among friends in my community.

Glancing around, I noticed mostly white-skinned, gray-haired folks like myself. I was there to speak for the inherent dignity, safety, and protected rights for all people. But sadly, our Latinx community was not there to hear the overwhelming comments in support of and in gratitude for their contributions to our community. Many are fearful of leaving their homes to go grocery shopping, to school, or even to work.

I am proud of our community for speaking up to protect immigrants and our city council for voting to draft a resolution to oppose the presence of ICE in our city. I am proud to be an American who still believes that we have certain inalienable rights that are worth fighting for. But mostly, I want to be able to walk into a city council meeting and see people of all colors, sexual orientation, ages, and religions and for us all to feel welcome and safe.

~Mary Beth Guerena



Thank you to the Lincoln City mayor and council for directing staff to draft a resolution regarding ICE activities in Lincoln City. Our council is a nonpartisan body, and this is a nonpartisan issue. It is imperative that our council goes on record and stands against inhumane, dangerous, and unethical practices of federal agents.

When the draft resolution comes to the council for consideration, I urge you to make sure it includes:

- 1) Exclusion of an ICE detention facility or ICE administrative offices in Lincoln City;*
- 2) Prohibition of face masks or facial coverings for local, state or federal agents;*
- 3) Expectations for treating all people with respect and due process, regardless of known or suspected illegal immigration status; and,*

4) Support for the Constitutional right to free speech and freedom of peaceful assembly, without fear of chemical sprays, or injury from violent or aggressive actions by ICE agents.

Again, none of these issues is partisan. Thank you, LC city council, for your thoughtful work on this and all council issues; thank you for standing on the side of justice, mercy and respect for all.

~Jane Mulholland



I was most impressed by Mayor Susan Wahlke's willingness and ability to respectfully, firmly and successfully manage the only incident of disagreeing attendees' verbal outburst.

I was most amazed by a Hilltop Patriot's characterization of anti-ICE attendees at the prior Council meeting as "nothing but an angry mob." This same speaker labeled Indivisible as a "terrorist organization" ... "connected to Antifa."

~Michele Warner



I wanted to emphasize what Joanne Daschel said in her letter to them. She not only drew their attention to the ICE murders this month of two people protesting unlawful actions of ICE agents, but she also included the names and descriptions of about 30 people who died in ICE custody in 2025. I asked the Council members how many of these ICE victims they felt were such a threat to America that they deserved to be arrested and held in custody in the first place by ICE agents.

--Jay Roelof



When those in the Trump Administration keep insisting that they are only going after hardened criminals, it's increasingly evident that they and truthfulness have parted ways.

Oregon has been in Trump's crosshairs before, and looks like we are again, with ICE teargassing peaceful protesters — including small children and babies — in Eugene and Portland recently. And taxpayers are footing the bill for this travesty, which quadrupled ICE's budget and kicked 17 million Americans off Medicaid.

We need to make it clear: It's not that we won't welcome these tactics, it's that we won't tolerate them. Not in Portland, not in LA, not in Chicago, not in Charlotte, not in Minneapolis, not in Eugene, and not in Lincoln City! Our City Council must pass a resolution against ICE establishing a foothold here.

~Rebecca Stone



PROTESTS: ICE OUT REPORT

By Shar Walbaum

On January 10th and 11th, after the murder of Renee Good, we expressed righteous outrage over having an anonymous military force roaming our cities, terrorizing our neighbors, and turning this country into a police state. Over 250 came out on Saturday and 40 on Sunday to say ICE OUT FOR GOOD in Lincoln City.

This was followed on Jan 31st, after an ICE agent gunned down Alex Pretti, by an ICE OUT OF EVERYWHERE PROTEST held as a show of solidarity with Minnesota. The no-frills demonstration proved



once again that ILC members can turn on a dime, ready to jump into action with very short notice.

In Lincoln City, we want ICE Out of EVERYWHERE. We don't want an ICE "Alien Removal Module" in Newport, Coos Bay or any other Oregon location. We have already experienced the chilling effect of ICE agents in our neighborhoods. We encourage our City Council to do the right thing and resolve not to allow immoral and illegal ICE tactics and to keep us safe.



But there is more.....



We need to be nimble to act in solidarity with others across the nation. What is happening in Minnesota is a blatant display of disregard for the rule of law and human decency; the administration is saying the quiet part out loud. Various national resistance groups like Indivisible, No Kings, and 50501 called for a national shut-down on Friday.

Saturday is for visibility events. That was where this protest fit in.

Ours is a nonviolent action in response to the 30 or more people who died in ICE custody last year, some within hours of being detained. It is in response to murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. It is in response to the fear and pain caused by ICE in our own community. *(Photos by Lisa Nevara, Mary Beth Guerena, and Rebecca Stone)*

EVEN THE DOGS ARE PROTESTING!



ILC JANUARY 27th MEETING NOTES

The attendance at this meeting was much larger than usual. And it was chock full of information. Here's a snapshot in case you missed it.

WE ARE GROWING

Shar Walbaum reported that while we hadn't yet started sign-up sheets at our first meeting, the numbers for the next three show that we are growing — in so many ways! These are the attendance numbers for the last three meetings:

Nov. = 35

Dec. (held in early Jan) = 36

Jan 27 = 48

As for the email list, Walbaum says that the bcc list was 171 a month ago. Now, it is 186. And Nora Sherwood adds that since Nov. 30 there are 55 new members in our Face Book group, a growth of 10%.

“Add to that,” says Walbaum, “yesterday, on a slow traffic day on the 101 (600-650 cars) over half honked. That was a first. Oh, and 11 middle fingers.” She also shares that in 24 hours, 34 people had volunteered to do the Signs of Fascism protest.

During the meeting, ILC members raised \$417 for Conexion Fenix, an organization that provides services to the Latino community in Lincoln County.

In the interest of transparency, ILC member Birdie has begun working with Shar on ILC financials. She presented a rundown of expenditures and income for our group, and made an appeal for donations to keep all our activities moving forward. She said that donations can be made at any time, on our website, and all donations are much appreciated!

Peter Inthout and Gary Hunt reported on their significant progress in making contact with various businesses regarding their stance on ICE. They are in the process of

formulating a “One Community” approach to support businesses that oppose ICE tactics in our community, but are trying to work out details. More later.

ILC MEETING CHANGE

As of Tuesday, Feb. 24th, we will start meeting 5 - 7 p.m. It might make it easier for those who tend to end their days earlier than they used to. Also, it will end the evening sooner for folks who must drive from some distance away, we'll see how it works.

Starting on the last Tuesday of February through to the last in May (the 26th), we will meet at 5 - 7 p.m. at Oregon Coast Community College. Tentatively, we will have meetings in June, July, and August at the Lincoln City Community Center.

FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Conexion Fenix has organized a ***Feed Our Neighbors Food Drive*** for

•Sunday, Feb. 15th

•10 am - 1 pm

•McKay's Market

801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367

They really need more volunteers to hand out lists of needed foods and collect food donations. It's easy and fun.

Maybe you can only help set up and stay for an hour or maybe you can come half way through and stick around to break everything down. Just help.

Contact Val McDowell

kerahmcd93@gmail.com



FEED OUR NEIGHBORS
FOOD DRIVE
for
Conexión Fénix & Lincoln City Food Pantry
Sunday, Feb. 15th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
McKay's Market
801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367
DONATE THESE NEEDED FOODS
DRIED BLACK or PINTO BEANS
(*NOT* canned)
RICE
MASA HARINA (4 lb. bag if possible)
CORN OR VEGETABLE OIL (*no glass*)
FRUIT JUICE (*no glass*)
PEANUT BUTTER (*no glass*)
TUNA
CANNED SOUP
CANNED FRUIT
CEREAL
SHELF STABLE MILK

CLAIRE HALL MEMORIAL PACKS HOUSE

More than 250 people filled the Hatfield Marine Science Center's auditorium to honor former Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall. Hall died unexpectedly on January 4. For more, visit:

<https://lincolnchronicle.org/friends-co-workers-admirers-pack-hatfield-center-saturday-to-remember-county-commissioner-claire-hall/>



Fast Response Team Tips:

Suspect ICE activity? • Call PIRC 1-888-622-1510 • Engage with Immigrant Justice trainings



SIGNS OF FASCISM PROTEST

Feb 14 • Noon to 1

They did it in Astoria and elsewhere, and those signs traveled south. We did it February 8. Ours will go to Waldport after the 14th. The idea is a flow of these protests down the coast.

Drive by to see our Signs of Fascism protest on Valentine's Day. A crew of 22 are all set and ready to go.

We will stand just north of our usual spot in front of the Outlet Mall, still on the east side of 101. We will be there because the sidewalk in front of Goodwill is a long, unbroken stretch. Drivers can't go very fast because there is a stop light at SE 9th.

For the best view, start south of the mall. Drive north on 101. We will be there from 12 - 1. The sequence of signs starts at East Devils Lake Road and continues to SE 9th.

Let us know what you think. Passengers — take a video if you can.

Check out this link to a video of ILC's 2/8 SOF protest taken by Ann Chung:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DUhhS8mEdCe/>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WEEKEND

International Women's Day plans are moving apace, with more details to come. So far:

Friday, March. 6th, 6-8 pm, ILC will host Women's Words, an evening of readings and music, at the Congregational Church of Lincoln City, 2435 NW Oar Place.

Sunday, March 8th will be a rally for women and girls in front of the Outlet Mall on Hwy 101, time to be announced.



So, What's the Plan?

Locally Speaking

FIGHT FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL: 2026

By Joseph Youren and Carolyn Wilson

In 2025, the Trump administration sued the State of Oregon for refusing to turn over its voter rolls. It accused Oregon of violating federal law by not complying with federal demands for sensitive voter information.

This lawsuit was explicitly tied to the administration's stated effort to "root out suspected voter fraud," despite no evidence of such fraud in Oregon's elections. The order had directed Bondi to "take all necessary action" against states that count ballots received after Election Day — directly targeting Oregon's long-standing vote-by-mail timelines.



And Oregon wasn't alone. In fact, the DOJ, under Attorney General Pam Bondi, filed lawsuits against 23 states plus the District of Columbia in an effort to collect voter data, which includes driver's licenses and partial social security numbers.

Because Oregon's vote-by-mail system depends on strict privacy protections, state officials warned that releasing this data would undermine voter confidence and expose personal information.

JOINT SUIT

Oregon and Washington (another vote-by-mail state) jointly sued the Trump administration in April 2025 over an executive order they described as a “blatant attempt to undermine voting.”

Oregon Attorney General Rayfield and Secretary of State Tobias Read argued that the order not only would erode public confidence, but would also make voting harder and increase election costs.

In January 2026, US District Judge Mustafa Kasubhai sided with Oregon, ruling that the department did not satisfy the law’s requirement for stating basis and purpose when requesting voter records. Washington State also prevailed.

WHY IT MATTERS IN OREGON

Oregon’s vote-by-mail system is often targeted by national misinformation campaigns, and any release of voters’ sensitive information would exacerbate that. State officials have had to repeatedly reassure voters that signature verification, ballot tracking, and chain-of-custody procedures are robust.

Oregon’s system legally counts ballots postmarked by Election Day. The executive order would have invalidated thousands of legitimate Oregon ballots.

Read publicly condemned Trump-aligned efforts to cast doubt on Oregon’s elections, calling them “noise” designed to erode trust. He emphasized that Oregon’s system is secure, transparent, and nationally respected.



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Nationally Speaking

ELECTION VIGILANCE: 2026

By Joseph Youren

As communities across the country prepare for the 2026 midterm elections, we would like to believe in a set of core principles: transparency, fairness, and the right of every voter to participate without intimidation or manipulation. Unfortunately, recent developments tied to the Trump administration raise serious concerns that these principles are being eroded.

Election experts, civil-rights groups, and state officials have pointed to several actions that, taken together, describe a troubling pattern of interference and pressure aimed at shaping conditions for the 2026 midterms. These are not abstract fears; they are documented events with real consequences for public trust.



1. Federal seizure of ballots in Georgia

In a move that stunned local officials, federal agents executed a court-authorized raid on the Fulton County Election Hub in Georgia, seizing hundreds of thousands of 2020 ballots, tabulator tapes, digital records, and voter data. This occurred despite multiple recounts confirming the county's results. Election administrators described the action as unprecedented and destabilizing — an intrusion intended to perpetuate Trump's Big Lie and fuel distrust rather than resolving it.

2. Public suggestions that the U.S. “shouldn't even have an election” in 2026

President Trump has twice floated the idea that the 2026 midterms should be canceled because of his administration's accomplishments. At the same time his near constant threat to invoke the Insurrection Act foreshadows chaos that would allow him to suspend basic constitutional freedoms, particularly in blue states. These comments are

intended to normalize the idea that elections are optional rather than the foundation of our democracy.

3. Pressure on states to surrender voter data

Attorney General Pam Bondi asked Minnesota to hand over its voter rolls as a condition for ending ICE operations in the state. Election officials and civil-rights advocates immediately flagged this as coercive and inappropriate. Voter data should never be used as a bargaining chip in unrelated federal negotiations. Republican members of Congress align with this attempt when they demand increased requirements for voter IDs.

4. A coordinated strategy to reshape election conditions

Investigative reporting has described a plan—referred to by analysts as “Project 2026”—that outlines a national strategy to expand federal involvement around elections, restrict access in targeted communities, and potentially invoke emergency powers. While details vary across reports, the through-line is clear: a willingness to use federal authority to influence the environment in which the midterms will occur.

5. Systematically undermining confidence in election processes

Perhaps the most pervasive—and damaging—trend has been the ongoing effort to erode public trust in the basic machinery of elections. Trump and his allies have repeatedly promoted false claims about widespread fraud, attacked voting systems without evidence, and cast doubt on the legitimacy of election officials and vote-counting procedures. This steady drumbeat of disinformation (amplified by foreign actors) does more than confuse voters; it creates a climate where any unfavorable result can be dismissed as illegitimate, laying the groundwork for challenges, delays, or attempts to overturn outcomes in 2026.

What This Means for Us

These actions share a common thread: they undermine confidence in the electoral system and create openings for manipulation. Whether through rhetoric, coercion, or federal intervention, each example chips away at the norms that protect free and fair elections.

Our community has a long tradition of stepping up when democratic values are at risk. That tradition matters now more than ever. Vigilance is not alarmism — it is responsible citizenship.

What We Can Do Next

- Support local election officials who are working under extraordinary pressure.
- Share verified information with neighbors and community groups.
- Push for transparency from federal and state leaders.
- Stay engaged as new developments unfold.

The 2026 midterms have the capacity to absolutely define our democracy. Ensuring they are free, fair, and trustworthy is not someone else's job — it's ours.

NO KINGS 3 SLATED FOR MARCH 28

It's time to do it again! And let's make it even bigger than last time!

Details to follow. We are currently waiting to confirm venue. It will be posted on Mobilize as soon as we know. For more information:

https://www.nokings.org/?SQF_SOURCE=indivisible or
<https://thecoinchronicle.org/no-kings-3-announced-for-march-28/>



Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events, workshops, or training sessions

February 9, 2026: Lincoln City City Council Meeting. At 6 pm, Lincoln City City Hall, Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 801 SW Highway 101.

February 12, 2026: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call, noon-1 PST;
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>

February 14, 2026: Signs of Fascism silent protest, noon to 1 pm.

February 19, 2026: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call, noon-1 PST;
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>

February 24, 2026: ILC Meeting, **5-7 pm (note the change in time)**, Oregon Coast Community College

March 5, 2026: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call,
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>

March 6-8: International Women's Day Weekend. More info to come

March 12: What's the Plan? With Leah and Ezra virtual call, noon-1 PST;
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746>

March 28, 2026: No Kings 3. More info to come.

ONGOING ACTIONS

- Boycott Hilton for dropping Minneapolis Hampton Inn hotel from its system for refusing ICE bookings.
- °Boycott Home Depot for allowing ICE activity on its premises.
- Encourage our electeds to hold Pete Hegseth accountable for the boat strikes.
- Encourage our electeds to support the impeachment of Kristi Noem.
- Don't forget the Epstein Files.

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