

37th Legislative District Democrats
Statement of Solidarity with Minneapolis and Impacted Communities Nationwide
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The 37th Legislative District Democrats of Washington State stand in unwavering solidarity with the people of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and with communities across the country grieving yet another loss of life at the hands of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The killings of Renée Nicole Good on January 7, 2026, and Alex Pretti on January 24, 2026, are not isolated tragedies. They are the most recent manifestations of a long and painful history of state violence—one that Black, brown, immigrant, and refugee communities have endured for generations. For many communities of color, this moment is not new. It is a continuation of lived reality: surveillance, harassment, family separation, detention, and death carried out under the guise of “law enforcement.”

While national attention may sharpen in moments of crisis, Black and brown communities have been sounding the alarm for decades. These harms have been normalized, ignored, or dismissed—until they erupt into public view. We reject the framing of these events as aberrations. They are the predictable outcome of unchecked power, racialized enforcement, and the erosion of constitutional protections.

We affirm that no federal agency is above the Constitution. We join **Governor Bob Ferguson** and **Attorney General Nick Brown** in condemning the unlawful and unconstitutional actions of ICE agents operating without accountability. Their public statements and joint letter to **Kristi Noem**, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, underscore what communities have long known: These actions violate civil liberties, undermine due process, and threaten public safety rather than protect it. As Democrats rooted in the 37th Legislative District—home to vibrant Black, immigrant, refugee, and working-class communities—we recognize our responsibility not only to speak, but to act. Solidarity is not symbolic. It demands material support, political courage, and a willingness to disrupt business as usual.

We therefore call on:

- Elected officials at all levels to use every available tool to curb ICE overreach and protect residents from unconstitutional enforcement.
- Labor, faith, and community leaders to stand with impacted communities, including supporting collective actions and solidarity efforts.
- Institutions and allies who benefit from relative safety to follow the leadership of those most directly harmed.

As our nation approaches its 250th year, history will not judge us by our statements alone. It will ask what we did when the government turned its power against the people; when silence was easier than resistance, and comfort was prioritized over justice. The 37th LD Democrats refuse to accept a future where state violence is normalized and grief is cyclical. We stand with Minneapolis. We stand with Black and brown communities. We stand with immigrants and refugees. And we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of resistance, accountability, and collective liberation.

Other ways to take action:

- Join [Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network's Rapid Response Network](#)
- Support the [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#)
- Support the [ACLU of Washington](#)
- Participate in mass mobilizations and local organizing efforts ([Seattle Area Protest List](#), [Seattle Indivisible](#), [Southend Indivisible](#))
- Sign up for [ICE Mobilization Alerts](#) with Washington for All

The 37th Legislative District Democrats represent Southeast Seattle and surrounding neighborhoods. We are committed to building a Washington where dignity, safety, and constitutional rights are not conditional—but guaranteed.

Governor Ferguson has **requested and supported legislation in Washington to help mitigate harms from ICE and to hold enforcement actions accountable**: We are proud to support:

- [Senate Bill 5855](#), sponsored by Sen. Javier Valdez, would bar law enforcement from wearing face coverings; a measure that has already passed the Senate Committee on Law & Justice.
- Governor Ferguson is also partnering with Sen. Adrian Cortes ([Senate Bill 5876](#)) and Rep. Edwin Obras ([House Bill 2165](#)) on legislation to **prohibit individuals who are not law enforcement officers from making, providing or possessing badges or other law enforcement insignia**. CNN found that there were more ICE impersonations in 2025 than in the prior four presidential terms combined. This bill will help mitigate that harm. The bill earned a bipartisan vote, passing the House Committee on Community Safety last week.
- Attorney General Brown is partnering with Sen. Rebecca Saldaña (D-Seattle) and Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo) on the [Immigrant Worker Protection Act \(HB 2105, SB 5852\)](#). This Act would require employers to **notify employees when federal authorities request their employment eligibility information** and ensure that personal data is only shared only when a **subpoena or judicial warrant** has been issued. These efforts are critical steps toward limiting intrusive federal enforcement and protecting due process and privacy rights.

