



March 22, 2017

The Honorable Ellen F. Rosenblum, Attorney General
Oregon Department of Justice
1162 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301-4096

Sent via Email and U.S. Postal Service

Dear Attorney General Rosenblum,

Woodburn is one of Oregon's most diverse and growing communities, comprised of significant Latino, Russian, Somali and senior populations. We are a community deeply committed to the notion of family, faith and hard work. As a result, Woodburn provides a quality of life and cultural richness that few in the Northwest enjoy. We are proud of Woodburn's diversity and strong leadership.

Recently, we have seen media reports suggesting federal immigration agents are actively targeting the greater Woodburn area simply because of our Latino community. These reports have caused significant alarm and fear.

Regardless of their immigration status, many in Woodburn are fearful they will be stopped, questioned and even taken from their homes simply based on the color of their skin, lack of language skills, or because of family relationships. Many of these people are first, second and even third generation American citizens with children in our schools.

I have concluded that we need your help in explaining what rights exist for Oregon residents. Specifically, I am asking you to provide guidelines advising Oregonians of their legal rights when interacting with federal immigration agents – or any law enforcement officer – should they face questioning about their citizenship or immigration status. It is my hope the City can then relay this information to our community, helping ease fears and better empower our residents.

Office of the Mayor

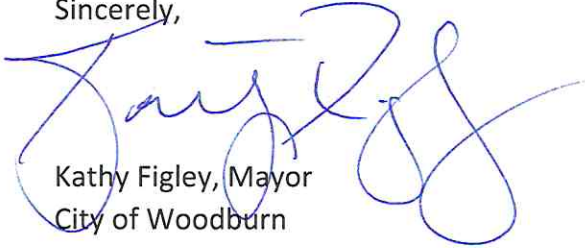
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In Woodburn, the American Dream is alive and well with families, entrepreneurs and young people from all over the world. They have moved to Woodburn seeking freedom, education, opportunity and the ability to participate in civic life.

I appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Kathy Figley, Mayor
City of Woodburn

cc: Senator Peter Courtney
Representative Teresa Alonso Leon
Woodburn City Council