

# The woke sanctuary city where cops are secretly helping ICE to arrest migrants behind Dem. mayor's back

Cops are secretly helping ICE arrest illegal migrants in a sanctuary city - reportedly behind the mayor's back.

Acting ICE director Todd Lyons has claimed that police in Boston are defying their Democratic mayor to help the federal government.

Lyons revealed on The Howie Carr Show on Wednesday that because of Boston's sanctuary city status, local law enforcement is prohibited from reporting crimes committed by undocumented migrants in certain circumstances.

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'We have so many men and women on the Boston Police Department and other jurisdictions that are so pro-ICE, that want to work with us and that are actually helping us behind the scenes,' Lyons said.

He added that some officers can't cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement out of fear they'll be fired due to the city's sanctuary status.

Lyons said that ICE was ramping up operations in Boston, with plans to 'flood the zone.'

'Boston and [Massachusetts](#) decided to say that they wanted to stay sanctuary. Sanctuary does not mean safer streets,' he added.

'It means more criminal aliens out and about the neighborhood. But 100 percent, you will see a larger ICE presence.'

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has [stood firm on the city's immigration policies](#), announcing in a press conference on Tuesday that they wouldn't be caving to federal pressure to revoke sanctuary status.

The US Department of Justice sent the letters to Boston and other sanctuary cities to submit a plan of compliance by Tuesday.

'Sanctuary policies impede law enforcement and put American citizens at risk by design,' Bondi said in a recent press release on sanctuary cities.

'The Department of Justice will continue bringing litigation against sanctuary jurisdictions and work closely with the Department of Homeland Security to eradicate these harmful policies around the country.'

Wu declared to a crowd in Boston that officials wouldn't bend to federal demands, slamming the Trump administration for 'causing so much fear and harm in our communities.'

'Silence in the face of oppression is not an option. The U.S. Attorney General asked for a response by today. So here it is...Stop attacking our cities to hide your administration's failures,' Wu continued.

Lyons seemed to reject the notion that immigration concerns were a result of the federal government's missteps, telling Carr that the blame should be placed on sanctuary cities.

'What I think local leaders don't understand, is they need to talk to the men and women on the ground, because ... there are so many of these criminal aliens that keep getting released to go out and commit more crimes that the local law enforcement have to deal with,' he said on the radio show.

Boston was one of several cities that Bondi named as cities with 'harmful' sanctuary policies, alongside Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, and New Orleans.

The federal government has threatened litigation against these cities and announced a **lawsuit against New York City** earlier this year for continuing to provide sanctuary city status.

The local law in Boston limiting local police from working with ICE was first signed into law in 2014 by former Mayor Marty Walsh and reaffirmed last December.

The act allows BPD to collaborate with ICE and the Department of Homeland Security on significant matters of public safety, including human trafficking, child exploitation, drug and weapons trafficking, and cybercrime.

It prevents police from reporting undocumented migrants to federal authorities on matters of civil immigration enforcement or minor infractions.

The Trust Act also prevents police from asking people for their immigration status, arresting someone based on ICE warrants when there is no criminal charge, and transferring people to ICE custody.

The Trump administration's deportation crusade has put sanctuary cities at risk, with Bondi now ramping up calls for the policies to be revoked.

Bondi said on Fox News earlier this week that her department would be working to cut federal funding for the cities that don't comply.

'We are going to send in law enforcement just like we did during the LA riots, just like we're doing here in Washington, DC, and if they're not going to keep their citizens safe, Donald Trump will keep them safe.'

The federal government has maintained that sending the National Guard was to decrease crime, but local officials have pushed back that the militarization was excessive.

Wu addressed Lyons interview at an unrelated event on Thursday, telling reporters, 'In Boston, we comply with and follow all of the laws, city, state, and federal, and we will not back down from the communities who have made us the safest major city in the country.'

'This administration needs to stop attacking cities to hide their own failures,' she added.

Daily Mail reached out to the Boston Police Department for additional comment.

