



Welcome!

Melt ICE Workshop - March 7, 2026

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“A constitution defines and limits the powers of the government it creates. It therefore follows, as a natural and also a logical result, that the governmental exercise of any power not authorized by the constitution is an assumed power, and therefore illegal”. Thomas Paine

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What's Happening in Our Communities

- **New Rochelle**

- Martin Sanchez, Former Executive Director of the National Lawyers Guild
- Shane Osinloye, New Rochelle City Council

- **Larchmont/Mamaroneck**

- Jenny Geer, LMI

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New Rochelle is NOT a sanctuary city BUT

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Statement from the City of New Rochelle

Joint Statement from New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, New Rochelle City Manager Chuck Strome and New Rochelle Police Commissioner Patrick Carroll

Yesterday, President Trump issued executive orders related to immigration, one of which concerns coordination between federal immigration authorities and local police departments and is, therefore, directly relevant to municipal policy and practice.

The term “sanctuary city” has no precise definition, and we do not use it in New Rochelle, but we do make absolutely clear that all people of good will are welcomed, valued, and respected in our community, regardless of their origins, and that immigrants are an essential part of New Rochelle’s identity and future. For our Police Department, maintaining a respectful and mutually supportive relationship with all constituencies in New Rochelle is not just the right thing to do, it is also necessary to the promotion of public safety, which depends on trust and the free flow of information. **That is why local police departments are not and should not engage in immigration enforcement – and our practices in New Rochelle reflect and support this principle.**

Of course, the New Rochelle Police Department will continue coordinating with federal authorities to apprehend and bring to justice criminals who threaten our safety, regardless of their immigration status.

Seek out the New Rochelle Advisory Committee on Immigrant Affairs (1 of 2)

See <https://ecode360.com/36168137>

Advisory Committee on Immigrant Affairs

Staff Liaison: Michelle Oliveros

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The responsibilities of the Committee shall be to:

A.

Recommend to the City Council and Administration actions, practices, and policies to **address the concerns, needs, and interests of New Rochelle's immigrants.**

B.

Facilitate constructive dialogue between immigrants and decisionmakers in local government.

C.

Enhance access of immigrants to public **services and information.**

D.

Work closely with City officials to support the development of community programs that may be of interest or benefit to immigrants.

ICE WATCHING AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY

1. TRAIN FOLKS ON MAKING A PLAN – PREPARE
2. DISTRIBUTE KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARDS
3. DISSEMINATE LEGAL AID/SUPPORT CONTACTS LOCALLY
 - a. IT SHOULD BE MODELED AFTER **NYIFUP**
 - b. USE THE ONLINE DETAINEE LOCATOR SYSTEM TO FIND PEOPLE
 - i. <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>
4. ICE Watching
 - a. Assess the situation
 - i. Know the differences between ICE, US Marshals, State & Local law enforcement, Bounty Hunters etc.
 - b. Deter
 - c. De-escalate
 - d. Document – video
 - i. Document – date, time, location
 - ii. Describe the ICE people, their vehicles
 - iii. Encourage others around you to observe and/or document
 - iv. If someone is being arrested, ask if they need to call someone for them
 - e. Get permission, if possible, to post the situation, specially if there is misconduct or abuse
 - i. Share footage within your organization and/or media

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Protecting Families from Misinformation



By Councilman Shane Osinloye

Call to Action

Confirm with City Manager/Police Commissioner about ICE sightings.

- Rumors spread quickly, especially on social media.
- Families in vulnerable communities under stress.
- Misinformation can cause real fear and harm.
- Bad actors can take advantage of reports on ICE.
- Painting a target on our city's back endangers our families.

History of misinformation

- There were recent reports of armed agents in unmarked vehicles detaining someone.
- Posts quickly circulated claiming they were ICE.
- After contacting our City Manager and Commissioner, they confirmed this was not ICE.
- Another law enforcement agency was executing a warrant.
- This has happened multiple times which involved other agencies, not ICE.
- Not every unmarked vehicle or plainclothes officer is ICE.
- When you see misinformation circulating, help correct it with verified information.

Please contact

<https://neighborslink.org/resources-to-protect-yourself-and-your-community/>

Email City Manager & Police Commissioner

- Wmelende@newrochelleny.gov (City Manager)
- Nreynolds@newrochelleny.gov (Commissioner)

CC Your City Council & Mayor

- yramosherbert@newrochelleny.gov (Mayor)
- mlopez@newrochelleny.gov (CD1)
- dpeters@newrochelleny.gov (CD3)
- sosinloy@newrochelleny.gov (CD4, 2)
- skaye@newrochelleny.gov (CD5)
- mstern@newrochelleny.gov (CD6)

Before You Post or Spread Claims About ICE!

1. Email your City Manager and Police Commissioner

1. CC your Mayor and Councilperson

2. You will get confirmation if another agency contacted us

3. When you see inaccurate posts, correct the record!

Larchmont/Mamaroneck

- **ICE activity** - targeted at individuals with warrants, w/ some resulting opportunistic arrests
- **Atmosphere of fear** has caused some to self-deport
- **32 individuals** have disappeared from our community
- **Devastating impact** for family, friends, schools etc.

Larchmont/Mamaroneck

- Local govts / police have **noncooperation “policies”**
- **Fear of attracting attention** discourages passage of stronger laws
- Need to **build trusted community** for ICE resilience
- **Community Resource Center** leads local support
- Larchmont Temple 3/8 event “In Our Backyard”

How to Help Our Communities— Know Your Rights



nycd16-indivisible.org

Today's Agenda

With ICE activity increasing in our communities:

- Know your basic rights
- Learn how to document ICE activity.
- Learn more about mutual and rapid response.
- Learn where to find reliable resources and additional training.
- Choose the level of involvement that feels right for you. All help is valued!



Know Your Rights (KYR)

“We don't rise to the level of our expectations, we fall to the level of our training.”

- For you
- Your Neighbors & Friends
- Review so that it comes easily in an emergency



Your Rights

- ✓ Right to remain silent
 - ✓ Right to speak to a lawyer
 - ✓ Right to refuse to consent to a search
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How to Act

- ✓ Ask if you are free to go (then go)
- ✓ NEVER RUN. This can create reasonable suspicion for your arrest
- ✓ Do not lie, show false docs, or resist arrest
- ✓ If @ Door: Ask for judicial warrant signed by judge. Do not let in without it.



Red Cards

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.



These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

- Carry with you at all times
- List your rights
- Helpful example of the language you would use to assert a right.
- Available in many languages

Know a Judicial Warrant vs. Administrative Warrant

- ICE must have judicial warrant to enter your home or any private space
- Lists specific person
- Signed by Judge
- We recommend doing a KYR training in general and to learn more about the difference

Carrying Documents



A lot of conflicting advice!

NO ONE is required to carry documents

- Can provide safety in the moment
- Can be stolen, damaged or taken by ICE
- One option: carry copies

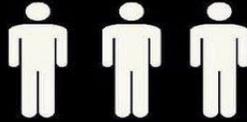
Spread Information not Panic

When reporting or signal boosting potential threats:
provide as much information as possible!

S.A.L.U.T.E.

Size/Strength

"5 to 6 Armed Agitators"



Actions/Activity

"Harassing random people on the move"

Location & Direction

"Manhattan, East of Central Park, E 97th St"

Uniform/Clothes

"Dark Jackets, ballcaps"

Time & Date of Observation

"8:32 PM June01"

Equipment & Weapons

"They have Body Armor and Pepper spray"

Not a useful tweet: "proudboys spotted"

"Where? When? What are they doing?
How Many? What are they carrying?"

Use your Judgement!



- ✓ Don't spread fear through poor info
- ✓ Be specific, especially about when & where and tell others to do so
- ✓ Trainings will teach you everything, including how to identify ICE (look for ICE, FBI, HSI, CBP and masks).

Recording ICE More Safely

- Record in landscape
- Focus on the activity of the agents, not the person being targeted.
- Record from ten feet away.
- If ordered to back away, lower the phone and record yourself backing away
- Do not interfere



So you have a video or info...now what?

- Share with the family, if possible
- Submit to Tish James: portal
- NYC: call or text this hotline number with SALUTE information: 229-304-8720
- Yonkers, you can call YSM at 914-491-0215.
- Stay tuned for more information on this.



Riverdale-Kingsbridge Alliance for Immigrant Justice

*Coordinating immigrant justice
activities in the northwest corner of the Bronx*

PARTNERS

Bend the Arc Jewish Action – Riverdale
ELLIS High School volunteers
Friends of Waldo
Northwest Bronx Indivisible
NYCD16/15 Indivisible
Riverdale Rapid Response



Riverdale-Kingsbridge Alliance for Immigrant Justice

ACTIVITIES

Know Your Rights Outreach and Education

Legislative Advocacy

Direct Support

Mobilization

Rapid Response



Riverdale Rapid Response

Riverdale Rapid Response is a diverse group of people in the northwest Bronx working together to protect our immigrant neighbors by becoming educated and educating others about our rights, monitoring and documenting ICE activity, and acting to reduce harm during ICE abductions in our community.



From Concern to Action

Phase 1: Responding to community concern

- In early November, a local synagogue hosted an education and training event to “bring our community together in response to ICE arrests in our neighborhoods, and to explore how our Jewish values call us to stand in solidarity, protect the vulnerable, and take action.”

Phase 2: Organizing ourselves

- In December, an individual community activist, with support from a couple of others, convened two home-based meetings. They brought together people who had attended the November event and others known to be interested. The discussions drew on the organizer’s recent deportation defense training and best practices.

Phase 3: Launching into Action: December-March

- Outreach through personal networks. “Each one, reach one (or more).”
- Trainings provided (hosted DD RR) and more planned.
- Other training opportunities publicized (HandsOff, States at the Core ICE Watch and Community Defense, others).
- Agreed on operating principles.
- Communication and security systems created.
- Protocols established. Key requirements: training and online communication.
- Community walkabouts organized and begun.
- Collaboration with community-based organizations on trainings, outreach, recruitment, communication.
- Outreach to schools, faith-based organizations, mutual aid group.
- Community location KYR and ICE awareness outreach (tabling).
- Coordination with Alliance members on business outreach, KYR, working with local vulnerable folks, mutual aid.

Lessons Learned

- Keeping the interests of the people you're trying to protect at the center is critical.
- Being informed and prepared helps calm anxiety.
- Important to cultivate (and not assume) trust.
- There are many roles, with different associated risks, for people moved to do something.
- Building relationships is critical for:
 - Communicating clearly.
 - Building trust (within group and beyond) and safety.
 - Recruiting participants.
 - Mobilizing support as needed.
 - Nurturing community.
 - Understanding and responding to evolving needs and circumstances.
 - Being effective.
- The more local, the better.
- Important to learn from those with experience and best practices. No reinventing the wheel.
- Integrate with existing infrastructure.
- This takes time.

Learn More

- ✓ [The Immigrant Defense Project](#)
- ✓ [We Have Rights](#)
- ✓ Yonkers Sanctuary Movement
- ✓ [Neighbors Link resources](#)
- ✓ “Eyes on ICE” training [here](#).
- ✓ States at the Core. Schedule available [here](#).
- ✓ [Freedom Trainers](#)
- ✓ Learn about a future Riverdale rapid response training
- ✓ [“Not in the Streets, Still in the Fight”](#), Jackie Summers

1
At Home

2
Out the Door

3
Commit to Act

4
Roll Up Sleeves

1. At Home

- Donate to local community and immigrant organizations, such as United Community Center of Westchester and the Community Resource Center
- Call Electeds:
 - County- protect our neighbors, curb surveillance
 - NY State - support NY for All
 - US - rein in ICE
- Post on social media to make calls & act
- Join a boycott of collaborators
- Get your friends to take these actions with you.



2. Out the Door

- Grab a friend and join a rally, vigil or pop-up protest
- Join us in a bigger way with our advocacy! Come to legislator meetings or join in our coalition work to get bills passed or join our committee to bear witness outside Delaney Hall Detention Camp
- Support Mutual Aid like food purchasing, packaging, and distribution
- Help train businesses to Know their Rights (KYR) if ICE arrives
- Document what you see if you do see ICE in the streets

3. Commit to Act

Offer next level mutual aid like delivering food and necessities or accompanying vulnerable community members to appointments and giving rides.



4. Roll Up Your Sleeves

Joining in rapid response efforts with your neighbors/helping with community defense efforts.



Next Steps

- **Sign up to get involved**
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 - **Larchmont/Mamaroneck - Jenny Geer**
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