

'Sanctuary Cities' Vow To Protect Immigrants From Trump Plan

Mayors — including Ed Murray and Ted Wheeler — say they will protect residents from deportation

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SEATTLE— Democratic mayors of major U.S. cities that have long had cool relationships with federal immigration officials say they will do all they can to protect residents from deportation, despite President-elect Donald Trump's vows to withhold potentially millions of dollars in taxpayer money if they do not cooperate.

New York City's Bill de Blasio, Chicago's Rahm Emanuel, Portland's Ted

Wheeler and Seattle's Ed Murray are among those in "sanctuary cities" that have tried to soothe worried immigrant populations.

On Tuesday Ted Wheeler, Portland's mayor-elect, told local media he intends to preserve Portland's status as a sanctuary city, a role it assumes under state law and district court ruling.

"Seattle has always been a welcoming city," Murray said Monday. "The last thing I want is for us to start turning on our neighbors."

In Providence, Rhode Island, Mayor Jorge Elorza, the son of Guatemalan immigrants, said he would continue a longstanding policy of refusing to hold people charged with civil infractions for federal immigration officials. Newark, New Jersey's Ras Baraka echoed that decision, calling Trump's rhetoric on immigration "scary."

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck told the Los Angeles Times that he's committed to a

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In this Nov. 9, 2016, file photo, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, second left, speaks at a post-election event of elected officials and community leaders at City Hall in Seattle. Leaders in Seattle, San Francisco and other so-called "sanctuary cities" say they won't change their stance on immigration despite President-elect Donald Trump's vows to withhold potentially millions of dollars in taxpayer money if they don't cooperate.

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