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Five New Sanctuaries in Kentucky

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Across the U.S., there are over 300 cities, counties, and states that are considered "sanctuary cities". These jurisdictions protect criminal aliens from deportation by refusing to comply with ICE detainers or otherwise impede open communication and information exchanges between their employees or officers and federal immigration agents.

Update on Sanctuary Jurisdictions

By Jessica Vaughan

In the absence of federal action, sanctuary jurisdictions remain as a significant public safety problem throughout the country. These policies have resulted in the release of more than 10,000 criminal aliens that ICE was trying to deport, allowing these offenders to remain in the community and commit more crimes. In addition, these policies obstruct vital communication between local and federal law enforcement agencies, and interfere with ICE's ability to enforce immigration laws.

Some states wisely have moved to prevent local governments from imposing sanctuary policies. In October, North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory signed a new law prohibiting sanctuary ordinances, requiring full cooperation with ICE, and barring acceptance of unverifiable forms of identification, such as the [consular ID cards](#) issued by some foreign governments. Texas Governor Gregg Abbott has said he will [withhold certain state law enforcement funding](#) from any jurisdictions in his state that become sanctuaries, and promised to push for legislation in the next session. The most prominent target for the action likely will be [Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez](#), who established a new sanctuary policy on September 1, 2015.

Fed up with the unwillingness of California leaders to reverse sanctuary laws even after a string of violent acts committed by criminal aliens drew national attention to the problem, a California citizens group has launched a [new ballot initiative](#) that would overturn the state sanctuary law that went into effect on January 1, 2014. The initiative would direct all law enforcement agencies and jurisdictions to cooperate fully with ICE in a variety of ways. It also would clarify that all law enforcement officers in the state may inquire about a person's immigration status.

Outgoing Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who had long maintained obstructive sanctuary policies, undid them before leaving office in December 2015. One of the very first acts of new Mayor Jim Kenney, within hours of his swearing-in, and after accepting some homemade bread baked by illegal aliens, was to [institute a new sanctuary policy](#).

In addition to Dallas County, other new sanctuary jurisdictions include the city of Lawrence, Mass., and five counties in Kentucky. In addition, in December, a committee of the Massachusetts legislature approved a [strict and far-reaching sanctuary bill](#).

According to government documents I have obtained through FOIA requests and other channels, and independent research, I have been able to determine that there are over 300 sanctuary jurisdictions in the United States. These

are cities, counties, and states that have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that protect criminal aliens from deportation — either by refusing to or prohibiting agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, or otherwise impeding open communication and information exchanges between their employees or officers and federal immigration officers.

A detainer is the primary tool used by ICE to take custody of criminal aliens for deportation. It is an order or notice to another law enforcement agency that ICE intends to assume custody of an alien, and it includes information on the alien's previous criminal history, immigration violations, and potential risk to public safety or security. ICE currently issues three kinds of detainers. Some jurisdictions pick and choose which kinds of detainers they will accept and respond to.

These are the sanctuary jurisdictions I have identified:

States

California, Connecticut, New Mexico, Colorado

Cities and Counties

Arizona

South Tucson

California (in addition to all county sheriffs)

Berkeley

Los Angeles

Orange County Probation Department

Colorado (in addition to all counties)

Aurora Detention Center

Connecticut (in addition to state LEAs)

East Haven

Hartford

Florida

Broward County

Hernando County

Hillsborough County

Miami-Dade County

Palm Beach County

Pasco County

Pinellas County

Georgia

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Greene County
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Marion County
Monona County
Montgomery County
Polk County
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Sioux County
Story County
Wapello County
Winneshiek County

Kansas

Butler County
Finney County
Harvey County
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Shawnee County

Kentucky

Campbell County
Franklin County
Kenton County
Scott County
Woodford County

Louisiana

Lafayette Parish
Orleans Parish

Maine

Portland

Maryland

Baltimore City
Montgomery County
Prince George's County

Massachusetts

Amherst
Boston
Cambridge
Lawrence
Northampton

Somerville

Minnesota

Hennepin County

Ramsey County

Nebraska

Douglas County

Hall County

Lancaster County

Sarpy County

Nevada

Clark County

Washoe County

New Jersey

Middlesex County

Newark

Ocean County

Union County

New Mexico (in addition to all counties)

Rio Arriba

New York

Franklin County

Nassau County

New York City

Onondaga County

Rensselaer County

Saratoga County

Suffolk County

St. Lawrence County

Wayne County

North Dakota

North Dakota State Penitentiary

South West Multiple County Corrections Center

Oregon

Clackamas County

Clatsop, Oregon

Coos County

Crook County

Curry County

Deschutes County

Douglas County

Gilliam County

Grant County

Hood River County

Jackson County

Jefferson County

Lincoln County

Linn County
Malheur County
Marion County
Multnomah County
Polk County
Sherman County
Springfield Police Department
Tillamook County
Umatilla County
Union County
Wallowa County
Wasco County
Washington County
Wheeler County
Yamhill County

Pennsylvania

Lehigh County
Philadelphia

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Texas

Dallas County
Travis County

Virginia

Chesterfield County

Washington

Baker County
Benton County
Chelan County
Clallam County
Cowlitz County
Franklin County Jefferson County
Kent City Jail, King County
King County
Kitsap County
Pierce County
Skagit County
Snohomish County
South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Jail, King County
Spokane County
Thurston County
Walla Walla County
Whatcom County
Yakima County

Washington, DC

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

