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**City of Union Gap Statement on Local Law Enforcement Involvement in Immigration issues**

Recently, President Trump signed an Executive Order “Protecting the American People Against Invasion.” The order authorizes the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to take all appropriate action to prioritize the prosecution of criminal offenses related to the unauthorized entry or continued unauthorized presence of aliens in the United States.

Reports have been circulating about recent targeted law enforcement efforts by ICE searching for cartel members and people involved in violent gangs in the Yakima Valley.

This is to assure the residents of Union Gap that enforcement efforts by ICE are independent from the City Police Department. There is no prior notification given by ICE to the city, and there is no involvement from our local Police Department in their efforts.

The role of the Union Gap Police Department is to serve and protect and to provide professional police services in partnership with the community to enhance the safety and quality of life to the citizens we serve.