



Human Rights Commission Meeting

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Location: ZOOM ONLY
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/88913207710>
- C. Public may comment through email: dnewton@watertown-ma.gov

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- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Discussion
 - A. Human Rights Commission Statement on Immigration Enforcement in Watertown
 - 4. Public Comment
 - 5. Adjournment

In light of recent events in our community, the Watertown Human Rights Commission reaffirms our commitment to equity, dignity, and safety for all. We understand that such moments can be deeply unsettling, and we encourage anyone in need of support to seek out local resources. You are not alone — we are here to listen, support, and stand with you. For information on available resources, please visit [a page that's work in progress] or contact [311? Doug?].

We are deeply concerned by the recent ICE detentions in Watertown and neighboring communities. We want to reaffirm that the Watertown Human Rights Commission stands in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors and reaffirms our commitment to protecting the human rights, safety, and dignity of all members of our community.

We want to clearly state: **The Watertown Police Department does not collaborate with ICE to detain individuals based on immigration status.** Our community remains committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all.

If you or someone you know has been affected, we encourage you to access available resources — including legal aid, information about your rights, and educational tools to stay informed and empowered. In times like these, we urge residents who are able to offer support: check in on your neighbors, share reliable information, and extend compassion where it is needed.

Together, we can build a community rooted in care, safety, and solidarity. For local resources and support, please visit [https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/67d60f28-7958-4f1b-8176-e10d16245d54\(someone should turn the resource list on the brochure into a page\) or contact \[311? Doug?\]](https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/67d60f28-7958-4f1b-8176-e10d16245d54(someone%20should%20turn%20the%20resource%20list%20on%20the%20brochure%20into%20a%20page).pdf).