



Our Shared Public Commitment

We, the undersigned members of the **Walla Walla Partnership for Community Safety**, are a partnership of concerned citizens coordinating our thoughts and actions and united in our commitment to keep Walla Walla safe for all.

Our Purpose is to create a lawful, coordinated, nonviolent and unified effort that, in collaboration with community partners, strengthens public safety, reduces fear, protects immigrant families, ensures equitable access to services for our immigrant neighbors and communities of color, and keeps Walla Walla's businesses and community functioning smoothly.

Our Shared Beliefs

The following beliefs represent our shared foundation. They were developed collaboratively and are affirmed by each signer of this commitment.

WE BELIEVE

- 1 ... **in building a coalition that includes and respects diverse voices and lived experiences** across the Walla Walla Valley.
- 2... **in nonviolence, de-escalation, and collaborative problem-solving** as essential practices for community safety and fear reduction.
- 3 ... **in the value of local law enforcement** and in supporting their safety and well-being as they work to protect our community.
- 4 ... **in upholding constitutional and statutory protections** for all residents of the Walla Walla Valley.
- 5 ...**that local law enforcement's role is public safety and not federal immigration enforcement.**

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6 ... **in immigration enforcement that upholds due process, transparency, and humane treatment.**

7 ... **in clear, accurate, and accessible communication** that promotes safety, reduces confusion, and helps residents understand their rights and available resources.

8 ... **in upholding the lawful right to observe and document enforcement activities.**

9 ... **that trust and respect between residents and institutions – such as police, schools, employers, health providers, and faith communities are essential** to a safe and thriving community.

10 ... **that immigration status should not be a barrier to reporting crimes or seeking emergency help** nor a barrier to receiving services from schools, fire departments, or health services.

11 ... **that community safety includes every person here**, and that we all deserve dignity, a sense of value and belonging, and the ability to participate meaningfully in community life.

12 ... **that our region's economy is stronger with the skills and contributions of immigrant workers**, and that providing fair, accessible pathways to work permits or legal status strengthens families, businesses, and community safety.

We publish this commitment so our community knows that local leaders are paying attention, working together, and prepared to lead responsibly.

Signed,

Members of the Walla Walla Partnership for Community Safety

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