

MEMO

To: All New York City Agencies
From: Scott Stringer
Re: City Hall Approach to Homan Meeting

As you know, I am meeting later today with Border Czar Tom Homan. I will also do a press conference, with Q&A, following the meeting. There will be no restrictions on the questions reporters can ask and the press conference will continue until all questions are answered.

Ahead of this important meeting, I want to be sure every single one of us is on the same page. With that goal in mind, I am outlining here this administration's chosen strategy for navigating the current moment and my objectives for engagement. What follows is an overview of how I am approaching this moment, and, subsequently, how all of our city's agencies will be approaching it, too.

All eyes are on us and we have to lead in this moment. Again, it is critical that we act and speak with one voice and common purpose. These are the rules of the road for me and for each and every one of you.

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Donald Trump doesn't run New York City; **I run New York City**

APPROACH

- **New York governs New York:** The city's public safety and law enforcement priorities are determined by its elected leadership, not by Washington.
- **Fair, firm, and functional:** New Yorkers expect **pragmatism**, not performative resistance. NYC will:
 - a. enforce the law
 - b. assist in arresting **dangerous criminals** with federal law enforcement
 - c. maintain a **sanctuary city policy for law-abiding immigrants**.
- **We will keep our immigrant communities safe, at school, at shelters, and in churches.** The strategies we deploy will always be in furtherance of this commitment.

OBJECTIVES

- **Reiterate my —and New York City's—values:** *Every New Yorker* deserves to feel and be safe in their community. New Yorkers should not be forced to live in a police state where a government agency is conducting raids at their schools, hospitals, churches, shelters, and workplaces—but this is the threat we are facing from the incoming administration.
- **Assert NYC's leadership:** Make clear that the **NYPD serves New Yorkers**, not as an extension of federal immigration enforcement.

- **Draw a hard line on Trump overreach:** New York will not be bullied into acting as a federal immigration arm. The city prioritizes public safety and will coordinate when necessary, but we are not ICE's enforcers.
- **Protect immigrant communities:** NYC is a sanctuary city and will not aid indiscriminate mass deportation efforts. Deportation must focus on dangerous criminals, not families and workers.
- **Expose the political theater:** Ensure the public understands that Trump's White House is trying to use NYC as a pawn in their national immigration rhetoric.

CORE TALKING POINTS

- *"We will work with any administration to keep New Yorkers safe, but make no mistake: New York City sets its own policies, not Washington."*
- *"We will work with law enforcement to arrest criminals who threaten public safety, but I will not allow our police force to be co-opted into a political immigration crackdown."*
- *"Public safety comes first. We can be smart on crime and fair and just on immigration—those are not competing values."*
- *"We will follow the law, and **not be moved by threats**."*

VERY RAINY DAY FUND

As I promised on the campaign trail, our administration will take the nation-leading step of setting aside money for a "Very Rainy Day Fund" to make sure that New York City stands tall in the face of uncertainty and insulate the city from the possibility of federal funds being used as a bargaining chip from the president.

The Trump administration has signaled a willingness to use federal funding as leverage against New York City, particularly in the areas of aid for immigrants, public safety, and infrastructure like public transportation.

The \$1 billion "Very Rainy Day Fund" ensures New York City can continue essential services, reinforce its independence, and ensure that the federal government cannot dictate the city's priorities through coercion.

The Los Angeles wildfires provide a stark warning: Trump threatened to withhold FEMA aid from wildfire-stricken California, demonstrating the risks of relying only on federal support without a backup plan.

The allocation will consist of \$500 million from the city to be matched by \$500 in state funding. The city portion will be financed through a combination of existing city funding, cost-saving efficiencies identified across the city budget, and revenue enhancements. The state funding was included as part of my list of state budget requests and to be outlined further on Tin Cup Day in Albany.

Notably, this allocation includes superior transparency and disclosure rules as opposed to the existing emergency contract process that lacks any oversight and is ripe for abuse and overspending. Every dollar spent through this fund will be tracked, measured, and managed for maximum efficiency and impact.