

As Ulster County Executive, Pat Ryan Signed A Sweeping Executive Order Barring Any County Agency From Cooperating With ICE Officers Trying To Track Down Criminal Illegal Immigrants And In Congress He Voted In Favor Of Letting Illegal Migrants Vote In Federal Elections

While Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Signed An Executive Order Making Ulster A Sanctuary County

On April 30, 2019 Ryan Was Elected As Ulster County Executive, Defeating Republican Jack Hayes In The Special Election. (Paul Brooks, "Ryan Wins Special Election For Ulster County Exec," [Times Herald-Record](#), 4/30/19)

From June 2019 To June 2022, Ryan Served As Ulster County Executive. (Patrick Ryan, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/1/23; Jessie J. Smith, "Pat Ryan Takes Charge In Ulster County," [Hudson Valley One](#), 6/13/19)

Spectrum News 1 Headline: "County Employees Ordered Not To Help ICE Track Undocumented Immigrants" (Ben Nandy, "County Employees Ordered Not To Help ICE Track Undocumented Immigrants," [Spectrum News 1](#), 6/26/19)

On June 26, 2019, Ryan Signed A Sweeping Executive Order That Barred Any County Agency From Cooperating With ICE Officers Trying To Track Down Undocumented Immigrants. "Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed a sweeping executive order which bars any county agency from cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers who are trying to track down undocumented immigrants. The new policy, announced Wednesday morning at the Restorative Justice Center, applies to sheriff's deputies, DSS employees, and probation officers — among others." (Ben Nandy, "County Employees Ordered Not To Help ICE Track Undocumented Immigrants," [Spectrum News 1](#), 6/26/19)

Sanctuary Jurisdictions Limit Their Cooperation With Federal Immigration

Authorities, Like ICE. "The United States is also home to several sanctuary cities and counties. Sanctuary cities and counties limit their cooperation with federal immigration authorities, like ICE. They do so so that low-threat undocumented immigrants can get protection from deportation." (Jonathan Petts, "What is 'Sanctuary' and how Does it Help Immigrants?," [ImmigrationHelp.org](#), 5/30/22)

On January 31, 2019, Ryan Pledged That As Ulster County Executive, He Would "Stand In Solidarity With Our Immigrant Communities And Oppose Coordination With ICE Agents In Ulster County." "This is immoral and unacceptable. ICE came into New Paltz and detained, without explanation, an upstanding member of our community - a father, business owner, and active supporter of civic causes. This makes exactly no one safer, and we can't let it become normal. As County Executive, I will stand in solidarity with our immigrant communities and oppose coordination with ICE agents in Ulster County." (Pat Ryan, [Facebook](#), 1/31/19)

AUDIO: On June 26, 2019, Ryan Declared Ulster County Government "To Not Coordinate With ICE Or Any Other Federal Immigration Entity." RYAN: "So, I'm here today to sign an executive order directing Ulster County government to not coordinate with ICE or any other federal immigration entity. As County Executive, it's my responsibility to ensure the rights and to protect the rights of every resident, 180,000 people, that were blessed to have living in this County. And when people are forced to live in the shadows, we're all less safe. When people are forced to live in the shadows, our economy suffers. When people are forced to live in the shadows, we fail to uphold the foundational principles that have guided our country since its inception." (Pat Ryan, [Remarks During A Press Conference Declaring Ulster County A Sanctuary County](#), Kingston, NY, 6/26/19) Minute 1:37 – 2:28

"The Policy Avoids Controversial 'Sanctuary' Language, Opting For The Less Politically Loaded 'Protect Rights Of All Residents,' And 'Ensuring Justice For All.'" "Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan signed his second executive order Wednesday, instructing county employees under his authority to follow 'new operating procedures that are designed to halt cooperation with federal immigration officials, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Officers. The policy avoids controversial 'Sanctuary' language, opting for the

less politically loaded ‘Protect Rights of All Residents,’ and ‘Ensuring Justice for All.’ According to definition, ‘sanctuary’ refers to municipal jurisdictions that limit their cooperation with the national government’s effort to enforce immigration law.” (“Ulster Exec Signs ‘Non—Cooperation’ Order To Passively Resist Immigration Enforcement,” [Mid-Hudson News](#), 6/27/19)

In A February 2019 Speech Accepting The Democratic Nomination For County Executive, Ryan Said, “We’ve Still Got (U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement) Agents Coming In And Arresting Our Neighbors ... That Is Unacceptable In Ulster County And In 2019 It’s Going To Change.” “As of Feb. 27, the only declared candidate in the race is 36 year-old Pat Ryan of Gardiner. At the county Dems’ Feb. 20 nominating convention, Ryan beat out Kingston businesswoman Pat Courtney Strong by a margin of 16,117 to 11,660 in weighted voting. ... In a speech accepting the Democratic nomination, Ryan, who during his congressional campaign was viewed as a moderate, laid out a progressive agenda calling for environmental, social and economic justice. ‘There are too many people in our county who still worry if they will be able to make their rent this month or save enough for their family’s healthcare,’ Ryan told a crowd of about 300 party officials and observers at the Feb. 20 convention at the Best Western in Kingston. ‘We’ve got big corporations still seeking to come in and pollute our environment and build dirty energy projects in our towns. We’ve still got (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents coming in and arresting our neighbors at the foot of their driveway while they’re getting their kids ready for school. That is unacceptable in Ulster County and in 2019 it’s going to change.’” (Jessie J. Smith, “Ryan Express Set To Roll Into County Exec’s Office,” [Hudson Valley One](#), 3/5/19)

At An April 18, 2019 Debate For County Executive, Ryan Again Said, “We’ve Got ICE Agents Still Coming In Arresting Our Neighbors At The Foot Of Their Driveways While They Are Getting Their Kids Ready For School. That Is Unacceptable In Ulster County ...” “Ryan told the business people there is much that needs to be changed. ‘There are too many people in our country still worrying about whether they will be able to make their rent, save enough to pay for their family’s healthcare. We have big corporations still seeking to come in and pollute our environment building dirty energy projects in our towns,’ Ryan said. ‘We’ve got ICE agents still coming in arresting our neighbors at the foot of their driveways while they are getting their kids ready for school. That is unacceptable in Ulster County in 2019 and we are going to change that.’” (“Ulster County Exec Candidates Debate,” [Mid-Hudson News](#), 4/18/19)

And Barred Any County Agency From Cooperating With Federal Immigration Authorities

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“... The Executive Order Directs Employees Not To Comply With Administrative Warrants, Which Do Not Carry A Judge’s Signature And Have Become A Common Vehicle For ICE And CBP Officers To Bypass The Right To Due Process ...” “In addition, the Executive Order directs employees not to comply with administrative warrants, which do not carry a judge’s signature and have become a common vehicle for ICE and CBP officers to bypass the right to due process afforded under the U.S. Constitution to all residents regardless of immigration status.” (Ulster County, “Ulster County Executive Issues Order To Protect Rights Of All Residents,” [Press Release](#), 6/26/19)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Is A Federal Agency That Enforces Border Control, Customs Trade, And Immigration. “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a federal agency that enforces border control, customs trade and immigration.” (Meredith Deliso, “Federal Judge Rules ICE Can No Longer Operate In And Around New York Courthouses,” [ABC News](#), 6/10/20)

ICE's Mission Is To Protect America From The Cross-Border Crime And Illegal Immigration That Threatens National Security And Public Safety. "ICE's mission is to protect America from the cross-border crime and illegal immigration that threaten national security and public safety. This mission is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes and focuses on immigration enforcement and combating transnational crime." ([U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement](#), Accessed: 8/1/22)

ICE Is A Leader In The Fight Against Human Trafficking. "U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a leader in the global fight against human trafficking, proactively identifying, disrupting and dismantling cross-border human trafficking organizations and minimizing the risk they pose to national security and public safety. Through Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), a victim-centered approach is used placing equal value on the identification and stabilization of victims and on the deterrence, investigation and prosecution of traffickers." ("Human Trafficking," [U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement](#), Accessed: 8/1/22)

ICE Is Involved In Disrupting Narcotics Smuggling. "As part of an international effort to disrupt narcotics trafficking on the darknet, special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and members of the Los Angeles Joint Criminal Opioid and Darknet Enforcement (JCODE) Task Force announced charges Tuesday against a key member of a Southern California drug trafficking organization who allegedly distributed methamphetamine and other illicit narcotics to thousands of customers in at least 35 states and numerous countries around the world." (U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement, "ICE Participates In International Crackdown Targeting Darknet Dealers," [Press Release](#), 9/22/20)

On July 10, 2024, Ryan Voted Against Federal Legislation That Would Require Individuals Prove Their Citizenship Status Before Registering To Vote

On July 10, 2024, Ryan Voted Against H.R. 8281, The SAVE Act. (H.R. 8281, [House Roll Call Vote #345](#): Passed 221-198, Library of Congress, 7/10/24, Accessed 8/7/24)

The SAVE Act Would Require Proof Of U.S. Citizenship When Individuals Register To Vote In The United States. "This bill requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. Specifically, the bill prohibits states from accepting and processing an application to register to vote in a federal election unless the applicant presents documentary proof of U.S. citizenship." (H.R. 8281, Bill Summary, [Library Of Congress](#), 6/14/24)