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**Statement from Commissioner Chloe Eudaly on Immigration & Customs Enforcement Facility  
*Conditional Use Permit for 4310 SW Macadam***

**PORTLAND, OREGON, July 10, 2018** - In October of 2011, the Portland City Council approved a Conditional Use permit for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to operate at 4310 SW Macadam Avenue. The building is in a Central Commercial zone which allows detention facilities subject to a Conditional Use.

The City Council's 2011 approval included the following limitations and conditions:

- The detention facility, consisting of holding cells and support space was limited to 5,198 square feet;
- That no detainee be held at the facility for more than 12 hours, no overnight stay or housing of detainees is allowed;
- A detailed security plan was required that governs how detainees are transported to and from the facility as well as building security features and procedures.

The City Council could reconsider its approval of the Conditional Use. To do that, it must ascertain that a violation of one or more of the terms of the approval is being violated. It must then cite the property owner and provide an opportunity for the violation to be corrected. If the violation or violations are not corrected, the BDS Director could initiate a reconsideration of the decision, which would be heard by a Portland Hearings Officer at a public hearing.

After investigating the substance and process associated with the Conditional Use permit, there is no evidence of any violation exists that could initiate a reconsideration of the permit.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency is engaging in unjust removal and deportation practices, as well as its unconscionable policy of separating children from their families, which certainly violates the United States Constitution and universal human rights. Unfortunately, those egregious transgressions do not constitute a violation of Portland's local land use laws.

I am proud to say that today I signed a letter with over 100 state and local elected officials from 20 states and the District of Columbia calling for the abolishment of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. The Conditional Use avenue may not be feasible, but I will continue the fight to end these human rights abuses perpetrated by our federal government with this nationwide coalition of leaders. And I will certainly continue the fight locally to welcome, protect, and defend every immigrant in every way I can.