

Recent discussions in New York City suggest potential changes to the city's longstanding sanctuary policies. **Mayor Eric Adams** has hinted at modifying these measures to increase cooperation with federal immigration authorities, particularly in cases involving undocumented individuals accused of serious crimes.

At **Lunel Law**, we understand how such shifts can create uncertainty and concern for immigrant communities. Here's what you need to know and how we can assist.

Understanding Sanctuary Policies

Sanctuary cities like New York have established policies that limit collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration agencies, such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These policies foster trust between immigrant communities and local agencies, ensuring access to services without fear of deportation.

What Could Change?

Mayor Adams has proposed modifications to allow increased cooperation between NYC authorities and federal immigration agencies under specific circumstances. The focus appears to be on undocumented individuals accused of serious criminal offenses.

If implemented, these changes may:

- Increase the likelihood of detentions and deportations for undocumented individuals.
- Create confusion about the protections available to immigrants under existing policies.
- Erode trust in local authorities, making immigrants hesitant to report crimes or seek essential services.

How This Impacts Immigrants

The potential policy changes could significantly affect undocumented immigrants and their families. Increased collaboration with federal immigration authorities could lead to:

- **Higher Risk of Deportation:** Even minor infractions could escalate into immigration enforcement actions.

- **Legal Uncertainty:** The evolving policies may leave immigrants unsure of their rights and protections.
- **Strained Community Relationships:** Fear of deportation may prevent individuals from accessing health, education, or social services.

How Lunel Law Can Help

Navigating the complexities of immigration law is challenging, especially amid policy changes. At Lunel Law, we're committed to protecting the rights of immigrants and providing legal guidance tailored to each individual's situation.

Our services include:

- **Deportation Defense:** Expert representation to challenge removal proceedings and ensure your rights are upheld.
- **Family-Based Immigration:** Assistance with green card applications and family reunification, promoting unity during uncertain times.
- **Asylum Applications:** Support for individuals seeking refuge due to persecution or threats in their home countries.
- **Legal Consultations:** Personalized assessments to understand your legal options and rights.

What You Can Do Now

- **Stay Informed:** Keep track of updates to local and federal immigration policies.
- **Understand Your Rights:** Knowledge is your best defense against unjust enforcement actions.
- **Seek Legal Assistance:** Consulting with an experienced immigration attorney ensures you are prepared for any potential policy changes.

Conclusion

As New York City evaluates changes to its sanctuary policies, immigrant communities face new challenges and uncertainties. At Lunel Law, we are here to guide you through these

changes, providing clarity and strong legal support.

If you or your loved ones need assistance navigating immigration policies, contact Lunel Law today to schedule a consultation.

Sources:

[Did NYC disregard sanctuary policy by turning convicted migrant over to ICE?](#)

[With Mayor Adams' rhetoric, a decade-old NYC immigration law comes under threat](#)