

APRIL has contracted room nights over **Saturday, October 18th** when the next [50501 Movement - No Kings event is scheduled](#). As you know, [50501](#) has planned multiple nationwide events over the past year. We anticipate this one to be no different – a peaceful display of free speech.

We wanted to make sure you and your attendees were aware of the event, as past events have gathered over 20,000 people and caused a few hours of traffic delays in some parts of the city.

Additionally, I wanted to share Travel Portland's response to recent headlines regarding Portland and federal forces in the city:

Rhetoric about deploying federal forces in Portland should not cause concern for meeting and convention planners and delegates. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Portland is located in an isolated area of the city far from tourism assets and visitor infrastructure such as hotels and attractions. It is easy to avoid this area while exploring and enjoying Portland.

Local community, business and elected leaders disagree with President Trump's comments and characterization of Portland and have clearly stated federal intervention is unnecessary, unwarranted and unwelcomed. A letter signed by more than 150 organizations and elected leaders on this topic can be read [here](#). The city and state have also taken legal action in an attempt to prohibit this action.

So far little information about deploying troops to Portland has been released beyond a memo from the Department of Defense and a post on one of the president's social media accounts. Currently, there are no signs of additional federal troops in Portland to our knowledge.

Portland is open for business, and the city is doing well with a focus on livability issues and safety for all residents and visitors. Portland leads the nation in a decline in violent crime. New businesses and attractions are opening all the time. The city is thriving and welcoming to everyone.

The other thing worth noting is that the ICE facility is over three miles away from the Hyatt, and it's in an area that has limited tourism infrastructure, so

it's not a spot that any visitors would stumble upon accidentally. If you're getting any specific questions or concerns from your attendees, we're always happy to help you draft a response, but we welcome everyone to come make their own opinions about Portland and discover the best that we have to offer!

We look forward to seeing you in Portland soon!

Below are a few helpful resources to share with your attendees:

1. [Getting Here and Around Town](#) - Everything you need to know about arriving in Portland by plane or train and learn how easy it is to travel by light rail, streetcar, bus, bike, foot or car.
1. [Maps](#) - Find maps of the city and region and specialized transportation maps.
1. [Food & Drink](#) - "This is a place where every conversation inevitably leads back to food. With its chic bistros, buzzy new contemporary spots, and charming little cafés, Portland continues to be one of this country's finest food cities." ([bon appetit](#), 2024)
1. [Activities & Attractions](#) - Portland's unexpected attractions range from gardens and museums, doughnuts and books, while tax-free shopping, and outdoor recreation top the to-do list.
1. [Near Me Now App](#) – Looking for a coffee shop or museum within walking distance? Download our *Near Me Now* app for a curated map of nearby options.
1. [Events Calendar](#) – From concerts and sporting events to stand-up comedy and theater performances, enjoy the vibrancy of the city after the conference sessions are over.
1. [Portland Visitor Center](#) – In the shopping and dining haven of the West End of downtown, friendly faces await any questions you may have about what to see and do in the City of Roses.

[Travel Portland](#) website