

Los Angeles City Resolution  
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RESOLUTION NO. XXXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA TO WELCOME, PROTECT AND DEFEND ALL  
RESIDENTS BY MAKING LOS ANGELES A SANCTUARY CITY

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to millions of people from all walks of life, of different races, religions, sexual orientations, and national and ethnic origins. The City values and celebrates this diversity, which makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant;

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between the City and all residents, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status, is essential for accomplishing core City functions, including protecting the safety and civil and human rights of all residents;

WHEREAS, this trust is threatened when the City is entangled with federal immigration enforcement programs, with the result that immigrant community members fear approaching police when they are victims of, and witnesses to, crimes; seeking basic services; and attending school, to the detriment of the public safety and well-being of all City residents.

WHEREAS, the enforcement of federal civil immigration law falls exclusively within the authority of the federal government. No City department, agency, or commission, including the Los Angeles Police Department, has any inherent authority or duty to investigate violations of federal civil immigration law or to assist in enforcement of such laws;

WHEREAS, the creation of a national registry based on religion or national origin would violate the City's core values of religious freedom and tolerance and would sow fear and concern among the City's residents of Muslim faith or Muslim-majority countries;

WHEREAS, voluntary assistance in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law or implementation of a national registry based on race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or ethnicity by City departments, agencies, and commissions would drain already-limited City resources, blur lines of accountability between our local and federal government, imperil effective policing, deter access to basic services, and threaten the safety and well-being of City residents.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

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**Protection of Residents’ Personal Information.** In order to ensure that eligible individuals are not deterred from seeking services or engaging with City departments, agencies, or commissions, all City departments, agencies, or commissions shall review their confidentiality policies and identify any changes necessary to ensure that information collected from individuals is limited to that necessary to perform their duties and is not used or disclosed for any other purpose. It shall be the policy of all City departments, agencies, and commissions not to provide non-publicly available information about any individual to any entity or official, including but not limited to any state or federal government agency or official, unless necessary to perform department, agency, or commission duties or required by law.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

**Restriction on Use of City Law Enforcement Resources.** The City shall adopt a policy affirming its commitment to bias-free policing and disallowing the use of any Los Angeles Police Department monies, facilities, property, equipment or personnel for the following:

- A. Immigration enforcement, including but not limited to:
  - (1) Identifying, investigating, arresting, detaining or assisting in the identification, investigation, arrest or detention of any person on the basis of a suspected violation of immigration law;
  - (2) Responding to any civil immigration warrant or request to detain, transfer or notify federal authorities about the release of any individual for immigration purposes;
  - (3) Making individuals in City custody available to federal immigration authorities for interviews for immigration purposes; and
  - (4) Providing non-publicly available personal information about any individual, including, but not limited to, information about the person’s release date, home address, or work address, for immigration purposes, including by providing access to City databases, except where required by law.
- B. Enforcement of any federal program requiring the registration of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation, or national or ethnic origin.
- C. Notwithstanding the above, and consistent with Sections 1373 and 1644 of Title 8 of the United States Code, nothing in this Section requires, prohibits or restricts any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, federal immigration authorities, information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual, or from maintaining or exchanging information regarding the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual, with any other federal, state, or local government entity. This Section does not alter any existing confidentiality policies of the City.

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Section 3: The City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

**Training and Oversight.** To ensure meaningful implementation, the City will:

- A. Develop a plan for dissemination of the policies described in Sections 1-2 above and appropriate training to ensure all relevant officers, employees and agents of the City understand their responsibilities.
- B. Appoint a commission composed of directly impacted individuals from the community and their advocates, which will:
  - (1) advise the City on implementation of Sections 1-2 above;
  - (2) monitor the City’s activities on the matters described in Sections 1-2 above; and
  - (3) provide input on an accountability mechanism for resolving complaints of any violation of the policies described in Sections 1-2.

Section 4: The City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

**Defense of Sanctuary Designation.** The City will resist any improper effort by the federal government to withhold or withdraw federal funding as a result of the City’s policies to protect and defend its residents, including immigrants and members of religious minorities.