

RESOLUTION NO. 24-258

Resolution in Support of Immigrants and Migrants in Santa Barbara County

Whereas, the County of Santa Barbara believes that the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children, individuals, and families in our county is critical to providing for and protecting our quality of life, and no election result changes our commitment to all people within our county, all of those who live in our county can depend on county staff to model and maintain an environment of respect and compassion for all individuals, AND

Whereas, with potential policy changes coming from the next Administration, we believe it is important to affirm our policies of supporting all individuals regardless of immigration status, AND

Whereas, furthermore, within a highly charged atmosphere driven by national politics, it is all the more imperative to reduce the fear that is being felt locally throughout our county. We can do so by dispelling myths, sharing accurate information about the many resources available to the immigrant and migrant community, and working to mitigate bullying, harassment or discrimination of all kinds, AND

Whereas, the county provides a social safety net to our most vulnerable individuals and families, many of which serve immigrants and migrants irrespective of status – such as the state's nutrition assistance program Cal Fresh. These services will continue and we will ensure that those accessing them are safe and supported, AND

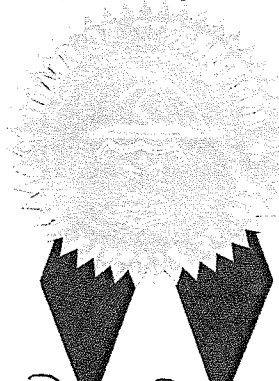
Whereas, California officially became a sanctuary state in 2017 when Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 54, also known as the California Values Act. The law limits cooperation between state and local law enforcement agencies and federal immigration authorities, AND

Whereas, there are many organizations dedicated to supporting the welfare of immigrants and migrants including: Immigrant Legal Defense Center, IMPORTA Santa Barbara, Legal Aid Foundation, LEAP, school districts and higher education, and more, AND

Whereas, as the county government, we stand together and continually work to create a positive culture where every person is respected and valued and as a board, we invite the public and those committed to supporting our community and work collaboratively for a stronger Santa Barbara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that as a county we will continue to serve and respect people from all backgrounds, including those from marginalized communities, and we will model a culture of compassion for all.

Passed and adopted, by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3rd of December, 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.



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