

RESOLUTION 2017-045

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, GENDER, ETHNICITY, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, RELIGION PREFERENCES OR ECONOMIC STATUS

WHEREAS, Multi-Cultural Awareness & Appreciation and Public Safety are adopted major policy goals, and Immigration Integration Legislation, Projects & Services are adopted policies contained in the FY 2015-17 Council Priority Workplan, effective October 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, The City of San Pablo's Mission is: "Dedicated to developing, preserving and protecting the quality of life and cultural diversity for all its residents, while maintaining high quality public services in partnership with our citizens";

WHEREAS, more than half of San Pablo residents are immigrants or from immigrant families;

WHEREAS, in the wake of the recent presidential election, City of San Pablo is fully aware and concerned that there is great fear, heightened xenophobia, and uncertainty for many we serve;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Pablo recognizes that the issue of federal immigration policy is a subject of significant debate;

WHEREAS, National experts and policy makers agree our federal immigration policy is inconsistent, inadequate, and in need of reform;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council desires that a fair and equitable process be established for persons from other countries who desire to immigrate to the United States lawfully and pursue a path to citizenship;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council recognizes the importance of public safety for all its residents, and the San Pablo Police Department investigates all crimes without regard to their citizenship or immigration status or engaging in racial profiling; and

WHEREAS, the San Pablo Police Department has worked hard to obtain the trust and respect of the law-abiding residents of the City in its continuing, unceasing efforts to maintain a safe city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of San Pablo reaffirms and supports the Police Department's general order which outlines its obligations with regard to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In so resolving, the City Council recognizes that enforcement of immigration law is a federal matter and as stewards of the taxpayer's money, it is not the role of city government to participate in this enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED absent any applicable laws, no City of San Pablo employee, including police, has the authority to enforce federal immigration laws and accordingly will not participate in any immigration enforcement efforts of federal authorities; or enter in 287 (g) memorandum of understanding with Department of Homeland Security, one of ICE's top partnership initiatives which allows a state and local law enforcement entities the authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Pablo reaffirms its support for a comprehensive immigration reform that is fair and pursues a path to citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Pablo will increase and strengthen partnerships with trusted community-based and legal services organizations with the objective of providing legal and other resources to families facing adverse immigration enforcement actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of San Pablo will continue to promote an atmosphere of respect for all residents and employees and denounce and address hate speech directed at any resident, employee or visitor including immigrants, people of color, Muslims, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals and members of other protected groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Pablo City Council directs the City Clerk to send copies of this Resolution to the Secretary for Homeland Security, and to Federal representatives, including Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, and Congressman Mark DeSaulnier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

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ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cruz, Morris, Calloway and Valdez
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Kinney
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Ted J. Denney
Ted J. Denney, City Clerk

/s/ Cecilia Valdez
Cecilia Valdez, Mayor