

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE DECLARING THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE A WELCOMING CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville is a welcoming city that is committed to serving and protecting all of its residents, regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville is a city of peace where all people, regardless of immigration status, are respected, valued and can live in safety and security; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are at the foundation of our nation's success throughout all of its history; and

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Institute of California estimates that as of 2013, more than 2.67 million people of undocumented immigration status called California home – the most of any state in the nation, with an estimated 129,500 of those people living here in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, one in ten California workers are of undocumented immigration status and are invaluable contributors to the fifth largest economy in the world; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes and reaffirms that the City of Emeryville is a community that is committed to equality, celebrates diversity, and values the contributions and traditions of all cultures and heritages; and

WHEREAS, the Emeryville Police Department is committed to protecting and maintaining a safe and secure environment that enhances the quality of life for everyone in our community, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the 2016 General Election, members and friends of immigrant communities across the country, including members of the Emeryville community may be experiencing fear or anxiety resulting from potential changes to federal immigration laws and enforcement policies proposed by other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Emeryville desires to publicly declare and reinforce the City's positions relating to immigration status and the protection of the rights of all persons in our community, to help address and alleviate the anxiety and fear produced by the uncertainties associated with the future of federal immigration policies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby declares the following:

1. The City of Emeryville declares itself to be a Welcoming City; and
2. As a Welcoming City, City employees will serve all residents, and city services will be accessible to all residents regardless of immigration status; and

3. The City of Emeryville will not inquire upon a resident's immigration status in either the provision of municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and
4. As a Welcoming City, the City of Emeryville will have policies that instruct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status, leaving that determination to federal authorities; and
5. The City of Emeryville shall refuse any requests that are an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions to federal authorities and shall not enter into any agreements to carry out such federal enforcement actions or dedicate any City time or resources to such enforcement, but leave such actions to federal authorities; and
6. The City of Emeryville strongly condemns any and all statements by other elected officials or members of the public that promote or provoke hate, xenophobia, intolerance or racism against any person or persons on account of their immigration status, ethnicity, nationality or place or origin.
7. The City of Emeryville shall further review its policies to ensure that they reflect Emeryville's status as a Welcoming City, including the possibility of revision to other City policies such that they comply with the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a special meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY