

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____ (CCS)

(City Council Series)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
EMBRACING DIVERSITY, REJECTING HATE AND DISCRIMINATION, CLARIFYING
THE CITY'S ROLE IN ENFORCING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW, AND
PROMOTING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH FEAR AND INTIMIDATION DO NOT
CHILL COOPERATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER FIRST
RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, 23 percent of the Santa Monica's residents are foreign born immigrants, 4 million of the 8.3 million persons who visit the City of Santa Monica ("City") annually come from outside the United States, 3,380 students at Santa Monica College, the two-year, public community college located in Santa Monica, are international students, and over 30 languages are spoken within the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica has long embraced and welcomed individuals of diverse religious, racial, national or ethnic origin, gender, and sexual identity or orientation backgrounds and recognizes that the strength of our community lies in our diversity; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica's diverse population of residents with different religious affiliations, races, national or ethnic origins, immigration status, gender, and sexual identity or orientation contribute to the economic and social fabric of the community by

establishing and patronizing businesses, contributing to arts and culture, and achieving significant educational accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long and proud history of promoting equitable policies that protect our residents, environment, communities and way of life that depends on tolerance and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to protect public safety and keep its inhabitants, visitors and tourists safe—regardless of national origin or immigration status-- requires that persons not hesitate to call the police department, fire department or other City divisions either as a victim or witness to crime or accident; and

WHEREAS, the City rejects the use of mass deportation, racial profiling and travel bans as these strategies sow fear and chill cooperation with law enforcement and make crime victims and witnesses hesitant to reach out for help for fear of deportation; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform should occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner guided by our nation's values of due process, civil and human rights, accountability, and equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to continue to foster trust between City officials and residents in order to encourage cooperation between residents and City officials, including law enforcement officers and employees, and to ensure public safety and due process for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Police Department, shall not use City monies, resources, or personnel to investigate, question, detect, apprehend, detain or register persons whose only violation is or may be a violation of the civil provisions of federal immigration law related to documented status.

SECTION 2. In accordance with applicable State and Federal law, the City of Santa Monica, will cooperate with Federal immigration agencies in matters involving the protection of public safety.

SECTION 3. The City of Santa Monica will not use any City resources in support of any federal program requiring the unlawful or unconstitutional registration or detention of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation, race, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, gender, sexual identity or orientation or share any data that may have been collected or will be collected which contains any of this information.

SECTION 4. The City of Santa Monica encourages Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to retain their sensitive locations policies which provide that enforcement actions at sensitive locations, including schools, bus stops, medical clinics, places of worship, during religious ceremonies and demonstrations, parks, park buildings and libraries, should generally be avoided. All citizens seeking to participate in activities or utilize services provided at any sensitive location should be free to do so without fear or hesitation.


SECTION 5. The City of Santa Monica and its staff, including law enforcement officials, within their official capacity, shall not aid in the creation of a registry or database

that is based on a person's religious affiliation, race, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, gender, or sexual identity or orientation.

SECTION 6. The City of Santa Monica and its staff shall not enter into any agreement that obligates the City, including the Santa Monica Police Department, to perform immigration law enforcement functions, to investigate, question, detect, apprehend, detain or register persons whose only violation is or may be a violation of the civil provisions of federal immigration law related to documented status or to require the registration or detention of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation, race, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, gender, sexual identity or orientation or share any data that may have been collected or will be collected which contains any of this information.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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