

Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016

To: Alameda City Council

Please SUPPORT Council Member Oddie's resolution  
to make Alameda a sanctuary city.



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## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Trish Spencer  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 11:02 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Fwd: Social Service Human Relations Board

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** Dan Westerlin <danwesterlin@comcast.net>  
**Date:** 12/02/2016 8:59 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Social Service Human Relations Board

December 2, 2016

Hon. Trish Herrera Spencer  
Mayor, City of Alameda, CA

Dear Mayor Spencer,

Recently, members of the Alameda community and others have advocated that our City formally adopt a Resolution or Proclamation affirming that Alameda will conduct itself as a "Sanctuary City", and this issue was discussed at the November 29<sup>th</sup> hastily called Special Meeting of the Social Service Human Relations Board. **I strongly urge that no formal action on this issue be taken now or in the future.**

This movement is being driven by political extremists with ulterior objectives far darker than the purported "Hate Free" campaign they espouse. Interestingly, among the "Everybody Belongs Here" proponents you will find #notmypresident and "Fuck Trump" nearly as ubiquitously as a drawn red heart. They are attempting to use the Alameda City government as a weapon in their campaign.

Before the City of Alameda chooses to take formal action on this issue, the City Council and City Attorney should carefully consider and resolve these questions:

(1) Is the City of Alameda prepared to formally disregard current Federal Law? That is truly the only question related to this issue. If the response to that is "Yes", then you must also consider what, if any, Laws the City or any of its citizen are required to follow. If the City and its citizens may ignore a Law rather than working to change that Law, there are both civil and criminal ramifications.

(2) What specific legislation would the City be responding to? No new action by the Federal government has been proposed or taken, only campaign rhetoric.

(3) Why would Alameda be taking a position without full public discussion and due consideration? Many of our fellow citizens will want to be involved on both sides of this issue, not just a small and vocal number of radical extremists.

(4) Is the City of Alameda willing to endanger critical public education funding to facilitate a pyrrhic political statement?

(5) Is the City prepared to defend itself in court if challenged under the California Environmental Quality Act after taking an action that has had no consideration of significant environmental impacts?

This issue will play itself out in the years ahead on a national stage. The City Council was elected to manage **local affairs**, NOT matters of national or Federal import. Any action the City Council takes will have no influence on the national dialogue, it will only serve to raise divisions and heighten tensions within our own community.

Again, I strongly urge that you take no formal action on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Dan Westerlin  
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(510) 750-7912

CC: Janet C. Kern, City Attorney

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Trish Spencer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:21 PM  
**To:** Gabrielle Dolphin  
**Cc:** Jim Franz; Janet Kern; Jill Keimach; LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** RE: Resolution Sanctuary City

Hi Gaby,

Thank you for attending last night's special Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) meeting. You may recall, this was one of many comments shared by members of the public at last night's special Social Service Human Relations Board meeting. Their decision was to have their three member working group consider all of the public's comments, make a recommendation to their Board, and then recommend consideration by Council.

As was also shared last night, SSHRB was established as part of our City's Charter and have been instrumental in advising Council on issues such as you're raising. Today, I reviewed the Ordinance creating SSHRB. It was created in 1977, when Chuck Corica was our Mayor, to "create an environment which will encourage and bring about mutual understanding, respect and good will among groups of people in the community and to improve social services in the community," and serves "as an advisory board to the City Council."

By copy of this email I'm sharing yours with Jim Franz, the staff member for SSHRB, as well as our City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, for their edification.

At this point, I'm planning to honor the process and await SSHRB's recommendation to City Council, on this, as well as the myriad issues raised at yesterday's special SSHRB meeting. You may, of course, discuss this during public comments for non-agendized items at City Council's Tuesday meeting.

I look forward to continuing the public's participation in this important issue.

Sincerely,

Trish Spencer  
Mayor, City of Alameda

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**From:** Gabrielle Dolphin [mailto:gdolphin@mail.cho.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:16 PM  
**To:** Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Resolution Sanctuary City

Hi Trish!

The Alameda Progressives would like to submit the attached Resolution at the next City Council Meeting.

Your thoughts?

Gaby

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## **RESOLUTION**

### **AFFIRMING ALAMEDA AS A CITY OF REFUGE**

**WHEREAS** the 2016 presidential election has unleashed an increased climate of fear and intimidation among families who have been forced into exile fleeing war, torture and death; and

**WHEREAS** The United States Department of Homeland Security, through the arm of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have acted to detain and deport immigrants from Bay Area cities, resulting in the separation of parents from young children and children being incarcerated with their parents in Redwood City, Richmond, San Rafael, Concord, San Mateo and San Francisco and understanding this may likely occur within Alameda, and

**WHEREAS** communities around the Bay Area have organized responses to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement condemning the raids and calling for no cooperation between ICE officials and local police officers (Richmond, San Francisco, San Jose and East Palo Alto),

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Alameda City Council shall affirm that the City of Alameda is a City of Refuge and sanctuary, and that the following restrictions on the use of City funds and resources shall be applied

- 1) No department, agency, commission, officer or employee of the City of Alameda shall use any City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of Federal immigration law or to gather or disseminate information on the status of individuals in the City of Alameda unless such assistance is required by federal or state statute, regulation or court decision.
- 2) The prohibition set forth shall include but not be limited to:
  - a. Assisting or cooperating, in one's official capacity, with any Department of Homeland Security investigation, detention or arrest procedures, public or clandestine, relating to alleged violations of the civil provisions of federal immigration law, except as required by federal or state statute, regulation or court decision.
  - b. Requesting information about or disseminating information regarding the immigration status of any individual, or conditioning the provisions of services or benefits by the City of Alameda upon immigration status, except as required by federal or state statute, regulation, City of Alameda public assistance criteria or court decision.
  - c. Including on any application, questionnaire or interview form used in relation to benefits, services or opportunities provided by the City of Alameda any question regarding immigration status, except as required by federal or state statute, regulation or court decision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council shall instruct the City Clerk to transmit copies of this resolution including any future amendments thereto that shall be made, to every department, agency and commission and employee of the City of Alameda.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Alameda City Council on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Trish Spencer  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 5:13 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Fwd: Let's make Alameda a Sanctuary City

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Howard Harawitz <[harawitz@gmail.com](mailto:harawitz@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Let's make Alameda a Sanctuary City

Dear Mayor Spencer, Vice-Mayor Matarrese, Alameda City Council members, and City Manager Keimach,

I looked at a list of Sanctuary Cities and the city of Alameda is not on it.

As many cities all over the country have done, let's make Alameda a sanctuary city. I hope that our city council will also issue a proclamation in response to the election of Donald Trump, similar to that of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors:

<http://hoodline.com/2016/11/board-of-supervisors-resolution-defies-trump-threats-reaffirms-sanctuary-city>

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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