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Mayor and City Council
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
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Madam Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen of the City Council,

As I understand it, Councilman Jim Oddie has placed a proposition before the Council to declare Alameda a "sanctuary city" wherein the City would defy federal law and harbor illegal and possibly criminal alien individuals. It seems to me that this is a very dangerous proposition that would impact every resident of the city, potentially exposing us to criminal and possibly terrorist activity. Each resident should have the opportunity vote yea or nay on this issue by direct ballot. I personally object to this proposition and I am sure that many legitimate residents of Alameda feel likewise.

Your quixotic effort would force the city into an outlaw position with the Federal government, force city employees to violate federal law, and resulting in an untenable position for our city.

When you were elected and inducted into your official positions in the City you swore an oath to, "...support and defend" the Constitution of the United States and California ...bearing true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and California...". If you find now that you cannot do this then resign your position and go about your business.

What you are contemplating now borders on Sedition against the United States, could have grave consequences for you individually and for our island city. I hope that you have sought the opinion of the City Attorney.

Other cities have declared themselves "sanctuary cities" without apparent legal consequences, but only because a weak Administration, weak Justice Department, and weak Congress failed to act. With the induction of a "new" Administration in Washington D.C. later this month you might find yourselves facing a far different environment, much to your detriment.

Regards,

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