

RESOLUTION NO. 9 - 2017

**EXPRESSING** the desire of Council for Cincinnati to be a welcoming and inclusive city for all immigrants to live, work, or visit by declaring the city of Cincinnati to be a sanctuary City; and **REQUESTING** the Administration to adopt policies that further the City's role as a Sanctuary City.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati has long considered itself a city of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati has long prohibited discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or other protected characteristics in the provision of its services and intends to continue to make its services available to all its residents, regardless of their federal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly essential to the mission of the City's emergency services departments that victims report crimes or injuries, cooperate fully in investigations, and summon help when needed; and

WHEREAS, no other City department inquires into the immigration status of individuals before making government services available to that individual; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of federal immigration laws is the prerogative of federal enforcement agencies, not local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the threat of deportation or prosecution for no reason other than immigration status may discourage residents without legal immigration status or who have family members or friends without legal immigration status from reporting crimes or injuries, cooperating in investigations, seeking opportunities for their children living in this community, or summoning help when needed; and

WHEREAS, federal law does not require local law enforcement or other local service providers to inquire into an individual's immigration status or to respond to federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests so the principles of Sanctuary Cities are not inconsistent with federal law; and

WHEREAS, these practices are aligned with the goals and purposes of the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati ID cards that this Council supported by passing Resolution No. 23-2016; and

WHEREAS, these practices are generally considered to be "Sanctuary City" policies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby express a desire for Cincinnati to be a welcoming and inclusive city for all immigrants to live, work, or visit by declaring the City of Cincinnati to be a Sanctuary City.

Section 2. That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby request the Administration to adopt policies that further the City's role as a Sanctuary City.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: February 1, 2017

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk

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John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Wendell Young [Signature]

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