

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
IMMIGRATION PLATFORM
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Platform Overview

Sacramento has a long-standing history of embracing diversity which is the foundation of America's strength. We uphold the fundamental principles of inclusion and unity with respect for the rule of law and the value of human dignity. Sacramento is a major resettlement destination for refugees; in the past decade, thousands have fled violent conflict and found new homes in the city and the surrounding region. Opening doors for those escaping war and oppression does not endanger our security; immigrants and refugees provide important economic and cultural benefits to the community.

General Policy Statements

As a city dependent upon the success of our immigrant residents, the City of Sacramento will:

- Uphold our values by honoring the tradition of providing a safe place for immigrants seeking a life of freedom and opportunity;
- Ensure that the fundamental rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and by the California Constitution apply to every person in our city;
- Support the efforts of local resettlement organizations that help refugee families establish new lives in Sacramento;
- Support efforts that maximize educational opportunities for all immigrant students, including access to public education and financial assistance as an investment in our collective future;
- Support efforts to provide educational opportunities in English instruction and cultural immersion;
- Support efforts to provide equal access to housing for all immigrants and condemn any xenophobic or racist conduct that denies equal housing to all, including a landlord's inquiry into the citizenship or immigration status of a tenant or prospective tenant;

- Support efforts to promote available government services to immigrant communities;
- Encourage the cooperation of state and local law enforcement with immigrant communities in the interest of public safety;
- Oppose any authorization of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers impersonating local law enforcement officers, or misrepresenting facts or law, as it works against immigrant and local law enforcement cooperation;
- Oppose efforts by law enforcement agencies that abuse discretion including, but not limited to, unfairly targeting, threatening, intimidating, or otherwise harassing people because of their citizenship and/or immigration status;
- Oppose local law enforcement agencies acting in conjunction with federal immigration law enforcement to investigate, arrest, or detain persons on the basis of alleged violation(s) of the civil provisions of federal immigration laws or of other non-violent crimes;
- Oppose scapegoating, racial profiling, religious profiling, bigotry, vigilantism, exploitation, and any other xenophobic conduct;
- Denounce actions, by government or otherwise, that keep undocumented immigrants in the shadows of our society; and
- Ensure intervention for abuse, discrimination, and crime among or against immigrants and remove the fear of arrest and deportation for reporting such abuse.
- Ensure protections do not extend to criminal suspects that are participating or engaging in crime including but not limited to, human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, the sale, distribution, and manufacturing of illegal narcotics, and violent crimes. In all other respects, City officials, employees and agents may continue to comply with lawfully issued judicial warrants or subpoenas and cooperate with federal authorities to protect public safety. This collaboration includes, but is not limited to, participation in joint criminal investigations that are permitted under City policy and applicable federal or state law.
- Send a national message of unity and inclusion by joining the United States Welcoming Cities and Counties Network.¹
- Support national efforts on comprehensive immigration reform that fixes our nation's broken immigration system, improves border security, prioritizes enforcement so we are targeting criminals - not families, keeps families together, and strengthens our economy.

¹ <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/programs/member-municipalities>