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Town Policy Protecting Natick Immigrants

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To Whom It May Concern,

I cannot attend the Select Board Meeting this Wednesday evening, November 20th.

Please take the letter below as my vote in supporting a firm policy protecting Natick's immigrant families.

Dear Members of the Board,

I urge you to support the draft Welcoming Community Policy posted earlier this month. The policy is a thoughtfully crafted compromise that protects immigrant communities while ensuring our compliance with state and federal law. It is also very similar to other policies in many other municipalities in Massachusetts.

This policy is critical for ensuring that our town employees are not conscripted into enforcing federal immigration law at a time when our resources are already limited. It also assures immigrant communities that they can utilize town resources, including reporting crimes to law enforcement, without fear of immigration repercussions.

Any upcoming mass deportation program will heavily rely on local law enforcement for support. That is why we must have policies in place now that reflect Natick's inclusive values. Therefore, I strongly encourage you not to give in to any calls to water down the policy with additional exceptions that could undermine its goals—the town should not be in the business of enforcing federal immigration law.

President Trump has made it clear that he will be ruthless in deporting those he refers to as "illegal aliens." We are a country built on the backs of immigrants, and I hope Natick remembers that fact by welcoming immigrants rather than rejecting them.

I strongly urge you to vote yes on the draft policy.

Sincerely,

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