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Recognizing the Value of Diversity of Our Community Policy

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To Select Board,

The policy proposed is disingenuous. It is a Sanctuary policy and a roundabout way meant to prohibit Natick Police from abiding by ICE detainer requests without specifically stating Natick Police will not abide by ICE detainer requests.

Either the policy should be re-written to include clear language stating Natick Police are prohibited from abiding by ICE detainer requests or should be amended to include language that ICE detainer requests will be honored.

ICE detainers are used to identify and remove criminal aliens from custody. They are a collaborative law enforcement tool that helps ICE keep criminals off the streets. ICE issues a detainer to a law enforcement agency (LEA) to:

- Notify the LEA that ICE intends to take custody of the individual.
- Request information about the individual's impending release.
- Ask the LEA to maintain custody of the individual for up to 48 hours.

ICE's federal law enforcement officers lodge immigration detainers against potentially dangerous noncitizens who have been arrested by another law enforcement agency or are removable from the United States. ICE officers can take custody of removable noncitizens in a safe, controlled environment instead of at-large in the community, protecting both ICE agents and citizens of the community from threat escalation. Detainers also conserve resources and taxpayer dollars.

Per ICE:

ICE lodges immigration detainers after officers or agents establish probable cause that a noncitizen is removable — after a court has convicted them of one or more crimes — and when the noncitizen poses a public safety or national security threat.

ICE issues detainers against people who have been convicted of:

Burglaries and robberies.
Kidnapping.
Homicide.
Sexual assault.
Weapons offenses.
Drug trafficking.
Human trafficking.

A "welcoming community" Policy should not negatively impact the safety of our residents. We should abide by ICE detainers to remove criminal individuals from the community safely. Our citizens and immigrant community are safer when ICE detainer requests are granted rather than ignored.

Thank you,

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