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## Welcoming Community Policy

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I have read the Welcoming Community Policy that the Select Board is discussing on Wednesday and would like clarification on some of its intent. I am particularly concerned about the 5th bullet point which seems to tie the hands of our police department when it comes to cooperating with ICE. Does this policy prevent our police department from any form of cooperation with ICE detainer requests short of a legal court order? Our police are here to protect us and anything that prevents them from doing so should not be part of a town policy.

Although this is called a welcoming community policy it is in essence a sanctuary town policy and as such could be a magnet for criminals looking to elude ICE enforcement. Is this what we want for Natick?

I understand that immigration issues are controversial and contentious. We are a country built on immigration and we need immigrants who enrich our country through their work and culture. What we don't need are criminals who seek to use our compassionate nature to take advantage of and do harm to us.

I would ask that you not vote on this Wednesday night until the entire community has a chance to weigh in on this issue. You represent all of us - not just those with the loudest voices.

Thank you

Patti Sciarra