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Welcoming Community Policy

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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.

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. The policy also assures immigrant communities that they can utilize town resources without fear of immigration repercussions. No parent should ever second guess seeking education, medical care, or emergency assistance from first responders, like police, paramedics, or fire fighters, for fear of retribution related to their immigration status. Children are already the collateral damage in a broken system, and we must minimize trauma to them by stabilizing their families as we're able and ensuring their physical safety. Local resources should be allocated toward serving all the residents of the Natick community, and the Town of Natick must not be burdened with the implementation of initiatives outside its jurisdiction.

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

Sincerely,

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