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Please vote NO on the "Welcoming Community Policy"

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To: SELECTBOARD@natickma.org

Cc: Brian McClure <bmcclur@gmail.com>

Dear Members of the Select Board,

I am writing to you to strongly **oppose** the proposed "Welcoming Community Policy" that I understand you will be discussing on Wednesday.

I have read the policy, and take issue with several points. Firstly, it is clear that while this Policy has been named a "Welcoming Community Policy", this is in essence a Sanctuary City Policy. We have numerous examples across our state of communities that have become Sanctuary Towns/Cities, all to the detriment of the town. Our town cannot support the financial or infrastructure burden of becoming a Sanctuary City.

Secondly, I am greatly concerned by point #5, which seems to hamstring our Police and prevent cooperation with ICE. Sanctuary Cities and Towns are havens for those taking advantage of our current immigration climate, and I do not wish to see our town overrun with those looking to elude ICE enforcement. Our Police Department protects us **all**, and no policy should be enshrined limiting their ability to do so.

As the child of immigrants, I support bringing people of diverse backgrounds to this wonderful country. However, we must be a community of laws, and capitalizing on this heated political time to put our town at risk is simply unacceptable. The Select Board represents all members of our town, not just the Activists or loudest voices. I ask that you vote **NO** on this on Wednesday, and provide the entire community opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Thank you,

Katie McClure

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