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Fwd: Novus Agenda posting regarding Town Government treatment of illegal residents

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To: Billy Walsh <bwalsh@natickma.org>

Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 2:09 PM

Please post.
Kathryn M Coughlin
Natick Select Board

Sent from my iPhone
Please forgive brevity, typos

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandra LaFleur <lafleurs1@gmail.com>
Date: November 19, 2024 at 12:55:24 PM EST
To: kcoughlin@natickma.org
Subject: Novus Agenda posting regarding Town Government treatment of illegal residents

Dear Ms. Coughlin,

I am apprised of the petition to pass a proclamation called "Recognizing the Values of Diversity, etc..." which appears on Novus Agenda this week.

First, I would like to suggest that the document looks like you have passed it already because the Select Board's names are typed in as if you have prepared this document and support it. The town has had no committee with diverse opinions to study this issue, it seems to follow the media trends and current events regarding the presence of illegal aliens in residence in Natick, while there are few, however there are many legal immigrants; Our largest taxpayer in Natick has many employees from around the world, all lawfully and carefully present. I cannot tell from reading this document exactly what the object of the exercise is, but it has the ring of being more of a sanctuary policy than anything that values diversity of heritage, thought or opinion. If this is a sanctuary policy I would suggest you put it aside for study.

The idea that the town of Natick should violate the Supremacy clause, and not cooperate with federal authorities on any serious matters is appalling. Is the intent is to shelter persons who are not lawfully present or not cooperate in an investigation of law-breaking or failure to appear for a hearing? I do not know why town government would be involved with people who should not be here, and need to know about legal status, unless perhaps they wanted to use our schools. Our schools should not be put in a position where they have to defend people who are not present legally, they are not investigators, but they cannot hide people from justice either. Everyone present in Natick should receive the same treatment in terms of the Supremacy clause in an equitable manner, in an objective manner, in a dispassionate, professional manner, not subject to the feelings or whims or personal moral causes of our town employees' feelings or their emotions. No employee should give special deference to any client. I do not know how often the federal government needs assistance in Natick, and it is their duty to provide service. Should the Select Board decide to go with a policy that might result in special treatment for visitors who overstay or are hiding from the authorities of our own country or elsewhere, I would ask that you make it a policy that applies to all residents equitably, if you deem that you want to challenge the status quo of the federal supremacy doctrine, and protect ALL residents in the same manner from any federal inquiries. I am just not sure about it. Or if my email is misidentifying the purpose of this effort, we should start at the beginning and prepare our own "Recognizing values of diversity" proclamation that allows for all citizens to suggest ideas. I suggest that the committee should have diverse opinions, heritage and points of view. I do not support your passage of this item at the present time, and count on you to enforce equitable treatment for all of Natick's residents, but do not expect you will shelter any criminal activity.

Sandy LaFleur
TM Precinct 9