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Support for Natinck Welcoming Communities Policy

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Dear Members of the Select Board,

I hope this letter finds all of you well! I write to the board this evening to first thank you for all the time and effort you have put into bringing the Natick Welcoming Communities Policy to Wednesday's agenda. I know that it will be carefully and rigorously considered for adoption by all of you. As you are no doubt aware, there is a lot of speculation out there about it being a "sanctuary" policy and I am confident that Wednesday's discussion will clarify how this is not the case.

As a ten year resident of Natick, I urge all of you to vote in favor of adopting this thoughtful and much needed policy for our town. I worked for a time with the group that originally approached the Select Board about adopting this policy. I have attended several meetings and witnessed firsthand the intense behind the scenes work to craft this policy with input from the police and board members and the town. I have heard from community members about how important this is to our immigrant neighbors and members of the local workforce. I believe that this policy will make a difference. It will let people breathe a little easier and feel more comfortable to use the town services that they have an equal right to access.

No matter how considerate and carefully worded, there will always be dissenters of any policy and there will be attempts to vilify and dehumanize our immigrant community members. I implore all of you to call this out if it occurs and to adopt this policy. Your adoption of this policy will model for the community the acceptance of all and the respect for everyone's privacy. Let's continue to make Natick a more welcoming community for all!

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Regards,
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