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Welcoming Communities Policy

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Dear Members of the Selectboard,

I understand your heart is in the right place. I believe most American's are pro immigration as we are all descendants of immigrants some more recent than others. Many of those ancestors went through struggles for employment and prejudice. My relatives included. We can all empathize and of course want to welcome people that want to live here. However, we need to get our rose colored glasses off and realize that many that have crossed the border in the south and north in recent years are not here for the American Dream and they are not here because they love America or Americans. They are here to do harm and if you research it a bit you will see it isn't all sunshine and roses nor is it how immigration has been for centuries. It's completely different, but you need to really research this and think critically with commonsense and not run off emotions and fear mongering. We can't have wide open borders and millions of unvetted people roaming the country or Natick. It's already a strained system in the best of times and people that seek sanctuary often have to wait years. Now the ones that truly need and want to immigrate here are having to wait even longer as the system is just over run with 11 million undocumented immigrants. That'll take a long time to get them vetted and into society legally. That's why they are focussing on known criminals to deport not the true asylum seekers.

I believe the policy you propose is putting the horse in front of the cart because of what you believe might happen with immigration with the incoming administration. You should not let emotions and fear mongering from the media dictate how we handle things in Natick. We are a welcoming town and our police and fire are wonderful. Passing this bill will put a huge financial strain on our resources and control our police rather than trust them to do what's right. The focus in the new administration is on illegals that have committed crimes or known criminals from their countries.

Perhaps do a bit more research before voting on this tonight. Maybe research how policies like this are negatively impacting other communities like Bedford, Dedham and Woburn to name just a few. Let's let cooler heads prevail and not run off hot emotions post election. Let's have faith our community is full of kind people and that our police will do what is right for our community as a whole. This policy will also draw many more immigrants to Natick which the town can not afford without putting more of a burden on all current residents, school staff and all resources.

We all need to relax and breathe and think clearly before voting on this policy or any policy when emotions are running high especially post election. I really encourage you to research this and think critically and put common sense into practice. You will find it's your emotions and hatred for an elected official that is pushing you to put into place a policy like this. You want to signal you are different then the elected official and so it makes people want to virtue signal without giving true critical thought to a policy and the big picture. We all have biases and to say we don't is uneducated and completely incorrect. To acknowledge our biases and think critically knowing we have them helps to deliver powerful policies for the greater good.

Thank you!

Lynne Harvey