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**Welcoming community draft NO!!!**

2 messages

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 5:32 PM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose any draft to make the town of Natick a sanctuary city aka welcoming community whatever you want to call it. No no no vehemently opposed as a proud immigrant from Colombia.

Best,  
Phil Corcell  
24 Morningside Ave.

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
To: Selectmen <selectboard@natickma.org>

Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 5:39 PM

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From: **Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 5:34 PM  
Subject: Re: Welcoming community draft NO!!!  
To: Kathryn Coughlin <kcoughlin@natickma.org>

Just last week a borderline homeless person was harassing me at my car Dunkins downtown Natick early am is this what we as taxpayers want / deserve?? I don't care if it has the support of the Pope NO NO NO to welcoming community nonsense!!! NO NO NO NO NO NO!!!!

Phil Corcell

On Wed, Nov 20, 2024, 5:28 PM Kathryn Coughlin &lt;kcoughlin@natickma.org&gt; wrote:

Hi Phil,

I was just about to write you. Have you had a chance to read the policy? It is a re-statement of state and federal law, applies to employees, and has the support of the police chief. It is not a sanctuary city policy.

I hope you can watch the comments and discussion. There is no vote tonight. Just comments and discussion. The police chief will be here.

I have to run get ready.

Best, Kathryn  
[Quoted text hidden]

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**Kathryn M Coughlin**  
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**Welcome community...NO**

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 3:28 PM

Good afternoon,

I will admit to being a novice of sorts to the Select Board meetings and i have voiced my concerns in opening up the "virtual floor" to people that no longer live in town and pay taxes. In the past how was this handled? Is the protocol to take calls from "anybody else" as you put it? I of course noted that participants in the meeting would state their name and address.

Thanks,  
Phil Corcell

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
To: Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com>, Selectmen <selectboard@natickma.org>

Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 7:55 AM

Dear Mr. Corcell,

As I wrote to you previously, there are no rules for the Board engaging with the public and taking public comment. A practice is to allow all who wish to speak on a particular topic the opportunity to speak, especially with issues that garner great public attention. Another practice is to limit the public comment to 3 minutes or less, especially when there are many people who wish to speak. Another practice is to not allow the public to address an issue, unless the matter is being heard in a Public Hearing, which requires the Board accept public comment under law. Another practice is to read all of the emails received into the public record.

**I will re-state this for you:** Generally, when there are speakers on Zoom and in the room who wish to speak, the Chair (at his or her discretion) calls on someone in the room first, then Zoom, and back again until everyone has had a chance to speak.

You seem to be extraordinarily "disgusted" (a word you used in a couple of previous emails) that Ms. Ball, a former resident of 67 years, was permitted to speak. **I will not address this issue again.** In my previous response, I did not copy "[selectboard@natickma.org](mailto:selectboard@natickma.org)" because all of those emails are posted on-line for everyone to read.

I have copied [selectboard@natickma.org](mailto:selectboard@natickma.org) so that this email, and my response, are posted for public view.

Kathryn M. Coughlin

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Billy Walsh <bwalsh@natickma.org>

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## Tonight's discussion on welcoming community

1 message

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 8:22 PM

To: Selectmen <selectmen@natickma.org>

I am watching this on local cable why are we listening to Erica Ball unless I'm wrong she doesn't live in the town or pay taxes ? If I'm wrong please correct me but does she still live in Natick and pay taxes yes or no? If no why was she afforded a voice at tonight's discussion ?

Regards,  
Phil Corcell  
Concerned resident taxpayer

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**WELCOMING COMMUNITY..NO!!**

4 messages

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 10:43 AM

To selectboard,  
I am curious to know of the 5 Board members how many of you were born outside of the United States? I ask this because I was born in Bogota, Colombia and moved to the Boston area when I was not quite 7 (Winthrop during the Blizzard of '78 then Natick in the spring.) You seem to be very concerned about the rights of illegal immigrants and I am wondering what personal experience if any you are basing this on? Thanks.

Phil Corcell  
Resident & taxpayer

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
To: Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
Cc: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 10:39 AM

Dear Mr. Corcell,

The proposed policy is based on legal advice and not personal experience.

Kathryn  
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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Kathryn Coughlin <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
Cc: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 10:48 AM

So the Town has received legal advice that we should become a sanctuary city?

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Kathryn Coughlin <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
Cc: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 10:50 AM

Am I therefore to assume the answer to my question is 0-5? Thanks.

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Billy Walsh <bwalsh@natickma.org>

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**Re:**

1 message

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>

Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 7:44 AM

To: Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com>, Selectmen <selectboard@natickma.org>

Dear Mr. Corcell,

Thank you for your question. I do not have a conflict of interest in working on or presenting the proposed policy to the Board. I have never "worked on policies on immigration" as you state. I have, however, worked with non-profits that worked with the State Department in public diplomacy overseas. I have consulted pro bono (for free) with non-profits, educational institutions, and with US-based and foreign-based immigration attorneys on social and cultural issues in the Muslim world.

The work I did with immigration attorneys mostly involved individuals who were seeking asylum because of human rights issues in their home countries. If a man were gay and lived in Iran, he credibly faces persecution and perhaps death. If a woman in Egypt is the victim of domestic abuse and rape by her husband, she may qualify for asylum in the United States. I am/was an expert in Islamic law as it pertains to marriage and divorce and I simply referred attorneys who sought help for their clients to experts who could testify in court. None of these clients were in Natick--most were in Washington, DC and Boston.

I hope this clears up any misunderstandings you have about my background.

Kathryn M Coughlin

On Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com> wrote:



# Kathryn Coughlin announces candidacy for Natick Select Board

November 6, 2021 by [Admin](#)

Kathryn Coughlin announces her bid for one of the two open seats on Natick's Select Board.

Kathryn served on the Natick Zoning Board of Appeals for over five years and on Town Meeting, as well as used her fundraising experience to raise money for local non-profits. In addition, Kathryn has consulted pro bono with local non-profits, educational institutions, and refugee immigration attorneys on social and political issues in the global Muslim world.



She is the former owner of Sherborn Wine & Spirits.

Kathryn and her husband Shomo De moved to Natick in 2002 from Arlington, Virginia, where she was working on her doctoral degree in



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Ms. Coughlin,  
Do you feel that there is a conflict of interest given your background working with policies on immigration and non profits, immigration attorneys as it may relate to the welcoming community proposal we are facing?

Best,  
Phil Corcell  
Taxpayer resident

**Kathryn M Coughlin**  
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## Welcoming communities

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 7:40 PM

Dear selectmen,

Is there a financial incentive to communities towns that make themselves sanctuary cities or welcoming communities as you refer to this as ? Federal funds ? Please let me know.

Best,  
Phil Corcell  
Resident & taxpayer

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
To: Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com>, Selectmen <selectboard@natickma.org>

Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 8:42 AM

Mr. Corcell,

I cannot speak to why other towns and cities do or don't do anything. I can speak to the public policy reasons that the proposed policy was crafted:

- ensure public safety of Natick residents, staff and businesses;
- establish guidelines for the use of finite Town resources;
- shield our police personnel from liabilities resulting from enforcement of federal civil immigration laws; and,
- reiterate that town employees are obligated to follow state and federal law (including case law) regarding the subject of immigration.

For the first reason, ensuring that the immigrant community knows that if they are the victims of or witnesses to a crime, they can come forward to work with law enforcement without fear that they, or their loved ones, or their neighbors won't be subject to retribution. Most people (including taxpayers, life-long residents, native-born Americans) do not know that the Natick Police Department **must** abide by the Commonwealth's law and **not enforce civil federal immigration laws**.

The policy reinforces that the town will not use its finite taxpayers dollars doing the federal government's work. The policy shields Natick police from liabilities that result from enforcing federal civil immigration policies (paying money out in lawsuits).

Some adopt similar policies and name them differently. There is no single legal definition of what a sanctuary city is--every policy, bylaw or city ordinance is different.

Kathryn M. Coughlin

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 8:32 AM Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com> wrote:

So based on that why haven't all cities & towns become sanctuary cities to be compliant with these laws? Only 8 i beleive: amherst, Northampton, Boston, Chelsea Concord, Newton & Somerville.

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024, 8:13 AM Kathryn Coughlin <kcoughlin@natickma.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Corcell,

There are no financial incentives to towns or cities that adopt a policy such as is proposed. There are no federal or state funds that support those communities. In Massachusetts, **all** cities and towns are required to comply with the Commonwealth's law as stated in [Lunn v. Commonwealth](#) that **prohibits** all law enforcement (including Natick's) from detaining or arresting an individual for a civil federal violation.

Kathryn M Coughlin

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**Welcome community ..NO**

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**Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
To: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

To select board,

I was very disappointed and disgusted quite frankly that the floor was given to Erica Ball ahead of residents and taxpayers last night. I am strongly opposed to this welcome community agenda that was demonstrated to have great bias by giving the floor to Ms. Ball ahead of concerned taxpayers/ residents that were kept out of last night's open floor.

Phil Corcell  
Resident & taxpayer since 1978

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**Kathryn Coughlin** <kcoughlin@natickma.org>  
To: Phil corcell <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
Cc: Selectmen <Selectboard@natickma.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 3:26 PM

Dear Mr. Corcell,

As chair, I selected people who wished to speak in the room first, and then alternated with people on zoom. There were only 2 people on Zoom who wished to speak. Everyone who wished to speak last night was given an opportunity. No one who wished to speak was denied the opportunity.

I'm sorry you had such a visceral reaction to Ms. Ball's being allowed to speak.

Please be advised that all email to the selectboard and to me personally is public record and, those comments concerning public policy discussion are posted on Novus, along with the agenda item.

Kathryn  
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To: Selectmen <selectboard@natickma.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 3:38 PM

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From: **Phil corcell** <pcorcell@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Subject: Re: Welcome community ..NO  
To: Kathryn Coughlin <[kcoughlin@natickma.org](mailto:kcoughlin@natickma.org)>

She is not a taxpayer or resident of Natick and her opinions shouldn't have been aired in a public forum. I beleive this strongly and am disappointed in the Board for allowing her a platform.

Best,  
Phil Corcell  
Taxpayer & resident

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