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## Opposition to Sanctuary City Proposal for Natick

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'Michelle Bertrand' via Select Board <selectboard@natickma.org>

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Reply-To: Michelle Bertrand <michellebertrand2003@yahoo.com>

To: "selectboard@natickma.org" <selectboard@natickma.org>

Dear members of the Natick Select Board,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition regarding the proposal to designate Natick as a sanctuary city (the 'Welcoming Communities Policy'). While I understand the compassionate intentions behind this proposal, I believe it is not in the best interest of our community for several reasons.

**Legal and Financial Implications:** Designating Natick as a sanctuary city could potentially put us at odds with federal immigration laws. This may lead to legal challenges and could result in the loss of federal funding for essential services, which would negatively impact our community's budget and financial stability.

**Public Safety Concerns:** There is a concern that sanctuary policies may inadvertently shield individuals who have committed serious crimes. While the intention is to protect law-abiding undocumented immigrants, the lack of cooperation with federal authorities could compromise the safety and security of our residents.

**Community Division:** The sanctuary city designation is a polarizing issue that could create divisions within our community. Instead of fostering inclusivity, it might lead to increased tensions among residents with differing views on immigration policy.

**Resource Allocation:** Implementing sanctuary policies may require additional resources and training for local law enforcement and municipal staff. This could divert attention and funds away from other critical community needs and priorities.

I urge the Select Board to consider these potential consequences carefully and to prioritize the well-being and unity of our community. I believe there are alternative ways to support and protect all residents without adopting a sanctuary city status.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of Natick and its residents.

Sincerely,

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