

in support of the Welcoming Community Policy

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Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 9:26 PM

Dear members of the Natick Select Board,

I urge you to support the draft Welcoming Community Policy posted earlier this month. The policy is a thoroughly crafted compromise that protects immigrant communities while ensuring our compliance with state and federal law. It is also very similar to other policies in many other municipalities in Massachusetts.

This policy is critical for ensuring that our town employees are not conscripted into enforcing federal immigration law at a time when our resources are already limited. The policy also assures immigrant communities that they can utilize town resources, including reporting crimes to law enforcement, without fear of immigration repercussions.

Any upcoming program of mass deportation will lean heavily on local law enforcement for support. That is why we must have policies in place now that reflect Natick's inclusive values. Therefore, I strongly encourage you not to give in to any calls to water down the policy with additional exceptions that could be used to undercut the policy's goals—the town simply should not be in the business of enforcing federal immigration law.

I strongly urge you to vote yes on the draft policy.

Thank you, Emily Taber 28 Beacon St.



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Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 6:50 PM

Hi again, members of the select board,

I understand you have been the target of a statewide/national attempt from the party of "small government" to interfere with the operations of our town. I am sorry that you have to deal with this, and I hope that ahead of the Thanksgiving season when we are reminded that the founding fathers were all descended from immigrants, you are able to enjoy some restful time with your families. I remain in support of the Welcoming Community Policy and hope you will vote in support of it.

Best wishes, Emily Taber [Quoted text hidden]