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## Keeping Natick a Welcoming Community

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'Mary Avalos' via Select Board <selectboard@natickma.org>

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Reply-To: Mary Avalos <mary.avalos@comcast.net>

To: selectboard@natickma.org

Dear Selectboard Members:

Having viewed the last Select Board meeting (Nov. 20) on-line, there are a couple of things that stood out to me, which I offer here as you continue to deliberate Natick's Welcoming policy.

First, I was very impressed with the thoughtful and heartfelt discussion related to this topic, from both Board members and the public at large. Thank you! Commentary was overwhelmingly in favor of formalizing the policy, for well-thought-out and articulated reasons.

Second, my understanding is that the Select Board, as the duly elected Executive body of the Town, is not seeking to change any laws, policies, or practices at this time – only to communicate them better. While “immigration” continues to be a charged issue at many levels, clear, concise, and ongoing communication is more important than ever. I applaud the Board's commitment to keeping the conversation around the Welcoming Policy civil and open to all.

At the end of the day, however, adopting the policy mainly serves to clearly state what the Town is CURRENTLY doing, most of which is ALREADY REQUIRED by state and federal law.

As a body, the Board has more than done it's due diligence in this matter. I am confident that the Policy, as set forth, is one that strongly reflects the values of residents/voters in Natick, and more importantly, and is complete compliance with existing local, state, and federal law. I urge you to vote to adopt it without further delay.

Thanks so much for your consideration and leadership!

Mary Avalos

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