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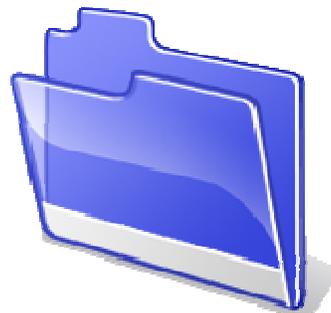
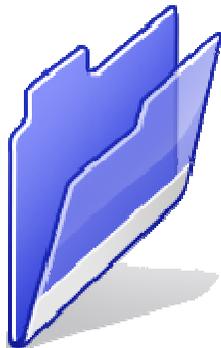
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Letter in support of Milpitas being a Sanctuary City.

I cannot make it to council meeting on February 21, 2017 due to recent surgery, but I would like to give my input on why I support this initiative.

Dear Honorable Mayor Tran and council members,

I write this letter in support of Milpitas becoming a sanctuary city that has been proposed by Councilmember Anthony Phan.

Currently there are 6 cities in the Bay Area that are sanctuary cities. They are: San Jose, San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, and Alameda. Under the leadership of Dave Cortese, the county of Santa Clara County has also filed a lawsuit to block an unconstitutional act that affect immigrants.

From my understanding, many law enforcement agencies agree that they should not be the “arm” of the federal government on immigration enforcement. They believe that their role is to fight local crime. “The rationale behind law enforcement not focusing on people’s immigration status is to eliminate a discentive for residents to report crimes or cooperate with police out of fear of deportation.” Illegal immigration is not just about those who crossed over the borders, but also about many immigrants who have overstayed their visas seeking a better life. They come here to seek a better life.

The current climate in our country is that of fear mongering against immigrants. We are a nation of immigrants except for the Native Americans who were here long before immigrants came to this country and a target of genocide. I do not believe that using our police department for seeking out and reporting undocumented workers should be their role.

Please vote to make our city a sanctuary city for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all people.

Sincerely,
Carmen Montano

Pam Caronongan

From: Mary Lavelle
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Pam Caronongan
Subject: e-mail re: agenda item No. 9 FW: Making Milpitas a Sanctuary City

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Mary

From: Sean Lowry [mailto:sean.a.lowry@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:45 PM
To: Mary Lavelle
Subject: Making Milpitas a Sanctuary City

Greetings City Council,

I know that Council member Anthony J. Phan plans to begin a discussion around declaring the City of Milpitas a sanctuary city at tonight's meeting.

While I am unable to attend due to work commitments, I wanted to send a message of strong support for this idea.

I am a citizen of Milpitas, born and raised, and would be proud to see our city take this stand.

Thank you,
Sean Lowry