

RESOLUTION NO. 3346-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
DECLARING THE TOWN OF WINDSOR TO BE A UNITED COMMUNITY THAT
VALUES ITS DIVERSITY AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL RESIDENTS, AND
SUPPORTS THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS, SAFETY AND DIGNITY
OF ALL WINDSOR RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor values its racial and cultural diversity, and is a community built by native born and immigrants, whose collective cultures, religions, backgrounds, orientations, abilities and viewpoints join to form a highly pluralistic community that prides itself on being a place that welcomes persons and families of all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the Guiding Principles of the Town's Draft 2040 General Plan state that the Town values its cultural diversity and promotes opportunities for all residents to share their unique heritage and engage in the life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Guiding Principles of the Town's Draft 2040 General Plan further state that Windsor is recognized as a family-oriented community with a diverse population, a robust economy, and strong ties to the surrounding Sonoma County wine country and nearby Russian River recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor values the contributions of immigrants to the economic development of the Town and the region, and to the vibrancy and health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Guiding Principles of the Town's Draft 2040 General Plan note that multiple generations of Windsor residents choose to live in the community because of its small-town appeal, safe and affordable neighborhoods, high quality cultural and recreational amenities, and opportunities for employment and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, there has been a sense of uncertainty and concern regarding recent immigration enforcement policies and actions among many individuals in Windsor, across our State and across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Windsor Town Council assures the community that Town public services, including public safety services, will be provided without regard to immigration status, and the Town will continue to place a priority on community safety and will not tolerate or endorse acts of hate, discrimination, bullying, or harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Windsor Town Council wishes to declare that Windsor is a safe place for everyone, including, but not limited to, immigrants from all countries; people of color; people of all religions, gender identity, and sexual orientation; people with disabilities; and all vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Windsor Town Council holds the community's trust as sacred, including the trust between its residents and their local law enforcement, without which crimes may go unreported and the safety of the community may be compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Windsor Town Council is greatly concerned about public safety in Windsor and the mission of the Windsor Police Department is to protect the safety of the public against crimes committed by persons whoever they may be; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to foster trust and cooperation as between the Town, its Police Department, and its immigrant communities, and wishes to encourage immigrants to report crime and speak to the police without fear of being arrested or detained by, or reported to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the law, the Windsor Police Department already declines to enforce federal civil immigration laws as a sole basis for questioning and detention, does not conduct immigration raids, and does not question, detain or arrest individuals on the sole basis that they might be in this country illegally in violation of Federal civil immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the law, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office no longer honors ICE Immigration Detainers, in compliance with the California TRUST Act, unless ICE presents proof that it has probable cause for the detention, for example, by providing an arrest warrant. Detainers and warrants are entirely separate and should not be confused. Duly issued warrants signed by a judge in all cases will be honored.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The Windsor Town Council assures the community that Town public services, including public safety services, will be provided without regard to immigration status, and the Town will continue to place a priority on community safety and will not tolerate or endorse acts of hate, discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

SECTION 2. Town employees, including members of the Windsor Police Department, through the Town's contract with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, shall not use Town monies, resources or personnel to investigate, question, detect, detain or apprehend persons solely on the basis of a possible violation of immigration law.

SECTION 3. In order to deter and apprehend violent criminals and keep the community safe, the Windsor Town Council endorses the Windsor Police Department's policy to work cooperatively with ICE or other Federal agencies in instances which involve the apprehension of serious or violent criminals, as the Windsor Police Department conditions this collaboration on ICE refraining from arresting or taking custody of any person based solely on immigration status.

SECTION 4. The Windsor Town Council declares the Town of Windsor to be a united community that values its diversity and the contributions of all residents, and supports the safeguarding of the civil rights, safety, and dignity of all Windsor residents.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of March 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS MILLAN, OKREPKIE,
VICE MAYOR FOPPOLI AND MAYOR FUDGE
NOES: COUNCILMEMBER SALMON
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK