

Sonoma County Support for Immigrant Communities

We, the undersigned, write to address the climate of concern within our community following this presidential election. Many residents have expressed deep apprehension about the incoming administration's hateful rhetoric and potential policies—concerns that we fully share.

Regardless of any speech or actions from the incoming administration, we assure our community that we will continue to stand firmly in support of our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, no matter where they are from, what language they speak, who they love, or how they worship.

As local government and community leaders, we specifically and unequivocally reaffirm our commitment to supporting all immigrants in our community. A relationship of trust between immigrants and local agencies, including law enforcement and first responders, schools, hospitals, and service organizations, is essential to carrying out the basic functions of our community and assuring that all residents feel safe and healthy, and have access to the resources necessary to help make our community a safer and healthier place for all. We acknowledge that trust cannot be cultivated or maintained when our local agencies cooperate with ICE. We will ensure transparency of all immigration enforcement actions conducted within our community.

We commit to taking all necessary steps to ensure that this trust remains intact and that the undersigned agencies and elected officials within the county of Sonoma make every effort to safeguard justice and equity for everyone. We stand prepared to assert and defend these commitments, including through multiple layers of legal and policy protections already in place at the state and local levels:

- **California Values Act (SB 54):** This act prohibits state and local police from using funds or personnel to support immigration enforcement. This includes preventing police from asking about an individual's immigration status, sharing a person's personal information with immigration authorities, or arresting anyone only for having a deportation order or for most other immigration violations.
- **TRUTH Act (AB 2792):** Ensures transparency and oversight regarding local law enforcement's communication with federal immigration authorities.
- **TRUST Act (AB 4):** Limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement can detain individuals on behalf of federal immigration authorities.
- **California Education Code:** Prohibits schools from adopting policies or practices that discriminate against or hinder access to school services based on immigration status, and restricts schools from collecting or sharing information about immigration status.

Whatever the future holds, we are resilient and ready to meet any challenges presented to our community. We, the undersigned agencies and elected officials within the county of Sonoma County remain committed to ensuring that a place where all individuals are valued for their unique contributions and where every resident can live without fear.

In solidarity,