

RESOLUTION NO. 14-153, SERIES 2014

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING AND PROMOTING
THE CITY OF DAVIS AS A CITY OF SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Davis has long been a community made up of diverse individuals and identities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis respects all persons regardless of race, class, gender, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis declared itself a City of Sanctuary, specific to refugees fleeing persecution in El Salvador and Guatemala, in 1986 through Resolution 5407, and specific to undocumented migrants in Resolution 07-162 in 2007; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants are forced to come to this country because of lack of opportunity or violence, such as the case with 20,000 to 40,000 children apprehended at the United States border in 2012 and 2013 alone, primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, and which is expected to be much higher this year; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants are victims of abuses related to work, housing, and access to basic government-provided resources, and are constantly fearful of deportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis supports a fair and just reform to the immigration process, where local funds and resources are not used to enforce federal immigration laws, and where the Davis Police Department has actively committed not to seek out and persecute individuals within the city limits because of their documented status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Davis once again reaffirms its declaration as a City of Sanctuary, recognizing its past commitment both to refugees and undocumented migrants to this country, and provides itself as a safe community until they can return to their homelands or until they receive federally-recognized residency in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Davis actively supports community outreach to educate the city's population about these past resolutions, and therefore City policy, by:

1. Encouraging City staff to provide outreach about Davis being a City of Sanctuary;

2. Adding signage in the city to demonstrate the City's commitment to its entire community, regardless of identity; and
3. Communicating the resolution to local, state and national representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis this 5th day of November, 2014, by the following vote:


AYES: Davis, Frerichs, Lee, Swanson, Wolk

NOES: None



Daniel M. Wolk
Mayor

ATTEST:



Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk