

Come to the
City Council!
September 11
2212 Beach Blvd
7pm

Make Pacifica a Sanctuary City!

What is a Sanctuary City? A Sanctuary City protects all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, regardless of their legal status. It defends their legal and constitutional rights and refuses cooperation with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) on the basis of a person's immigration status. City funds and resources, including the Pacifica Police Department, would not be used to enforce or aid the discriminatory federal immigration laws now being enacted.

Why Make Pacifica a Sanctuary City? Several thousand people living and working in Pacifica are immigrants. Immigrants make an important contribution to the economic and social fabric of our community.

Nationally, the intensified anti-immigrant laws and recent ICE raids are tearing families apart. The laws are sending people back to countries they barely know, leaving children here without parents and parents without their children. Many people are being deprived of their incomes and access to medical care. The laws create so much fear that many immigrants are scared to leave their homes, go to school or report crimes committed against them or others in the community.

Increased instances of fear among immigrant students are being reported by teachers at Oceana High School and Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD). The Pacifica School District Board and the JUHSD both passed resolutions expressing their commitment to support and protect all members of the community, regardless of immigration status.

What About the Threatened Federal Funding Cuts to Sanctuary Cities? In 2012, the US Supreme Court ruled that the federal government can only withhold state money directly related to the specific issue in the case. For example, the federal government should not legally be able to withhold education or disaster relief funding if Pacifica becomes a Sanctuary City.

We want a Pacifica where all people are included. We want Pacifica to join the growing number of cities, counties and states that are declaring themselves a Sanctuary, a place where immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers are safe and their rights are protected.

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