

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
RESOLUTION 2023-1**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF EAST LANSING
A SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 109,000 undocumented immigrants in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrants come from a wide range of diverse backgrounds from different races, religions, sexual orientations, genders, national origins, and disabilities. Undocumented residents have unique identities and therefore should all be given the freedom and agency to reside in the City of East Lansing; and

WHEREAS, The City of East Lansing has a special relationship with immigrants because of the large number who come here to study, teach, research, work and create businesses; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2017, the City of East Lansing City Council passed a resolution “reaffirm[ing] the City of East Lansing’s long-standing policy of refusal to participate with federal authorities in the widespread unjust violation of rights of individuals based on religion, national origin, immigration or refugee status.” This Resolution declared the City of East Lansing as a “safe haven”, but not a “Sanctuary City”; and

WHEREAS, Many cities that support undocumented residents, including the City of East Lansing, declared themselves “safe havens” rather than “Sanctuary Cities”, due to potential withholding of funding from jurisdictions that declared themselves “Sanctuary Cities”; and

WHEREAS, Declaring the City of East Lansing a “Sanctuary City” allows the City to reaffirm its commitment to protecting and developing better resources for undocumented immigrants within its boundaries, and utilizing the common terminology of “Sanctuary City” allows greater community understanding of the protections provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing City Council hereby declares the City of East Lansing a Sanctuary City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in support of the adoption of Sanctuary City status, the City hereby adopts the following policies:

1. In a manner consistent with State and Federal law, City of East Lansing officials, including law enforcement officers, shall not actively collaborate with federal agents solely for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law and shall not use City resources or personnel to investigate, question, detain, apprehend, and/or register persons based solely upon a civil violation of federal immigration law; and
2. In a manner consistent with State and Federal law, City of East Lansing officials, including law enforcement officers, shall not take any direct action against any individual based solely upon their actual or perceived immigration status, nor shall any

individual be held in local custody solely for a civil immigration hold unless the individual has been charged or convicted with serious offenses, including but not limited to being on the sex offender registry; and

3. City of East Lansing officials will not use any public resources or follow any non-mandatory federal program requiring the registration of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation, race, national or ethnic origin, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation; and
4. In accordance with State and Federal law, City of East Lansing officials, including law enforcement officers, may cooperate with federal immigration agencies in matters that involve criminal activity, and the protection of public safety; and
5. The City Manager shall report to the City Council requests or mandates from State and/or Federal governments for the use of City resources to enforce Federal immigration laws. City staff shall also continue to monitor any efforts by State and/or Federal governments to withhold or withdraw State and/or Federal funding as a result of the City's policies to protect and defend its diverse community, including but not limited to its Sanctuary City status, and shall take or recommend all action necessary to protect such funding.
6. The City Manager shall transmit copies of this Resolution to City Boards, Commissions, Departments, and employees.

Moved by Council member:

Supported by Council member:

ADOPTED: Yeas:
 Nays:
 Absent:

Mayor Ron Bacon
Dated: January 10, 2023

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Jennifer Shuster, City Clerk
City of East Lansing

Approved as to form:

/s/ Anthony Chubb
Anthony Chubb, City Attorney