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Resolution to Promote Community Safety and Protect the District of Columbia's Sanctuary City Status

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

Whereas our immigrant community is a vital part of the District's fabric, and an essential and inextricably intertwined part of our history, our culture, our workforce, and our social connections;

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Whereas immigrants, regardless of status, are frequently subjected to racial profiling and threats of deportation, creating a culture of fear when interacting with police or municipal agencies, and making immigrant communities more vulnerable to crime.

Whereas Sanctuary City protections are jurisdictions that prioritize the safety and well-being of all residents by limiting cooperation with federal immigration authorities, allowing cities to focus their finite local resources on the needs of their residents;

Whereas Mayor Muriel Bowser spoke in favor of these protections in 2016, stating, “our neighborhoods are safer and stronger when no one is afraid to call on our government for help”;

Whereas these protections were permanently enacted in the District of Columbia by the Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020, which was passed unanimously by the Council of the District of Columbia to limit the District’s cooperation with federal immigration agencies such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, absent a judicial warrant;

Whereas Title III, Subtitle F of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Support Act of 2025, as transmitted to the Council of the District of Columbia, would remove Sanctuary City protections by repealing Section 7 of An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia, effective December 11, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-194; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.07);

Whereas without sanctuary protections, our immigrant community will be subject to increased harassment and profiling, and any interaction with the Metropolitan Police Department or other District agencies could lead to detention or even deportation, regardless of immigration status;

Whereas the federal government under the Trump Administration has sought to deport a record number of immigrants, and to do so, has indiscriminately detained immigrants, including Legal Permanent Residents and U.S. citizens;

Whereas the federal government under the Trump Administration has repeatedly ignored immigrants’ due process rights in immigration proceedings, and has extradited immigrants without any criminal convictions out of the U.S., in defiance of judicial orders, to countries where they have no ties;

Whereas the District already has an unequal system of justice, with one of the highest incarceration rates in the country that disproportionately targets Black people, people of

color, and immigrant communities, and repealing sanctuary protections would worsen this inequity and further exacerbate harm;

Whereas removing sanctuary protections divides our communities, tears families apart, and endangers everyone in the District, particularly immigrants; and

Whereas we should not capitulate to the Trump Administration's xenophobic attack on immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:

1. Condemns Mayor Muriel Bowser's effort to rescind the District's Sanctuary City status and remove critical protections that keep us all safe;
2. Urges the Council of the District of Columbia to protect immigrant communities and preserve the District's Sanctuary City status and strike Title III, Subtitle F of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Support Act of 2025;
3. Authorizes Commissioners Kauffman and Cava to represent the Commission on all official matters regarding this resolution.

This resolution, which was introduced by Commissioners Kauffman and Cava, was considered at a duly noticed public meeting on June 18, 2025 with a quorum of Commissioners present. The vote of the Commission was 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2025-04.

Signed by:

Jenn Kauffman, ANC 4D Chair