



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

**Docket # 202583**

Resolution  
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Regular Meeting, December 8, 2016  
Item ID 15271

**SUMMARY: Reaffirming Somerville as a Sanctuary/Trust Act City.**

**COMPLETE TEXT:**

**WHEREAS:** Somerville is a city proud of its diversity, immigrant population and being a welcoming city to people from around the world; and

**WHEREAS:** Non-citizen residents of Somerville are valuable members of the community, working, paying taxes, sending their children to public schools and being law abiding neighbors; and

**WHEREAS:** While running for President, then candidate Trump indicated that if he were elected he would stop all Federal funding for Sanctuary Cities, also known as Trust Act Cities; and

**WHEREAS:** Somerville has a strong and deep commitment to diversity and is proud of being a city that welcomes people from all around the world and is dedicated to ensuring that anyone living in Somerville, documented resident or not, can live in peace, safety and be afforded protection from physical or emotional abuse, intimidation or discrimination; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Somerville Board of Aldermen goes on record reaffirming our commitment as a Sanctuary/Trust Act City; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That the Mayor is hereby requested to send a letter to all Somerville organizations working with immigrant populations, as well as all City Departments, reminding them of our Sanctuary/Trust Act City status and what that means for working with non-citizens and what resources are available to anyone experiencing physical or emotional abuse or discrimination; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That the Somerville encourages all residents of Somerville and around the United States to treat each other with kindness and peace and to value our differences as the most diverse country on earth; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** That no matter the threats made against sanctuary cities, Somerville will remain committed to our longtime policy and values and will not turn its back on the men and women from other countries who help make this city great.

**SPONSORED BY:** Ald. McLaughlin, Heuston, Rossetti, Niedergang, McWatters, Davis, Ballantyne

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA, AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

ATTEST:



John J. Long, City Clerk