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| TITLE                      | Resolution in Support for the City of Riverside, California to become a Safe Haven for all Residents |

WHEREAS, the University of California, Riverside (UCR) welcomes and supports students without regard to their citizenship or immigration status and will continue to admit students in a manner that complies with our nondiscrimination policy¹ and without regard to a student’s race, national origin, religion, citizenship, or any other protected characteristic². UCR is committed to providing an environment in which all admitted students can pursue their studies and careers and graduate successfully;

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside (the City) is home to roughly 320,000 people from all walks of life, of different races, religions, sexual orientations, and national and ethnic origins. The Associated Students of UC Riverside (ASUCR) values and celebrates this diversity, which makes our campus community strong and vibrant³;

WHEREAS, a relationship of trust between UCR and all students and staff, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status, is essential for accomplishing core administrative and educational functions, including protecting the safety and civil and human rights of all students and staff, as well as encouraging greater diversity;

WHEREAS, migration to this country is often propelled by social, economic, and political factors and native country conditions⁴, which result partly from U.S. government and corporate policies and interests, and thus immigrants and their families are entitled to compassionate and humane treatment in this country;

² [http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710522/PAC008-20](http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710522/PAC008-20)
³ [http://www.arcayibes.com/riverside-ca/demographics/](http://www.arcayibes.com/riverside-ca/demographics/)
WHEREAS, a record number of deportations in recent years\(^5\) tragically has broken apart loving families, devastated communities, and caused widespread fear amongst immigrants and their family members;

WHEREAS, voluntary assistance in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law or implementation of a national registry based on race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or ethnicity by City departments, agencies, and commissions would drain already-limited City resources\(^6\) and make it difficult to maintain trust between the City and the campus community, thereby threatening the safety and well-being of students and staff;

WHEREAS, some cities, counties, schools, and higher education institutions have adopted policies that limit entanglement with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and resist any government action that may lead to the discovery of a person’s immigration status\(^7\);

WHEREAS, ICE’s longstanding policy states that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools and college/university campuses, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials, unless exigent circumstances exist\(^8\);

WHEREAS, a federal effort to create a registry based on any protected characteristics, including but not limited to religion, race, national origin, or sexual orientation, would be antithetical to the United States Constitution, federal and state laws, and principles of nondiscrimination that guide UCR\(^9\);

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without the due process of law\(^10\).

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of UC Riverside (ASUCR) hereby declares its unwavering support for the City to become a safe place for its residents and families to seek help, assistance, and information if faced with fear and anxiety about immigration enforcement efforts\(^11\);

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR stands to provide unwavering support for the City to adopt a policy affirming its commitment to bias-free policing and disallowing the use of any City monies, facilities, property, equipment or personnel for immigration enforcement, including but not limited to:

(a) Identifying, investigating, arresting, detaining or assisting in the identification, investigation, arrest or detention of any person on the basis of a suspected violation of immigration law;

\(^{1}\) http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/obamas-deportation-policy-numbers/story?id=41715661
\(^{2}\) http://www.riversideca.gov/finance/PDF/budget-1516/Police.pdf
\(^{3}\) http://cns.org/Sanctuary-Cities-Map
\(^{6}\) https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript
\(^{7}\) http://rafaelforriverside.com/sanctuary_city

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(b) Responding to any civil immigration warrant or request to detain or notify federal authorities about the release of any individual for immigration purposes;
(c) Making individuals in City custody available to federal immigration authorities for interviews for immigration purposes;
(d) Providing federal authorities with non-publicly available information about any individual for immigration purposes, including by providing access to City databases, except where required by law;
(e) and Enforcement of any federal program requiring the registration of individuals on the basis of religious affiliation, or national or ethnic origin;
(f) Nothing in this section shall prevent the City from responding to a lawfully-issued judicial warrant or subpoena.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR stands to provide unwavering support for the City as an open and welcoming city in support of all refugees including those recently arriving into the United States. Discrimination on the basis of nationality or religion shall not be acceptable from any city official, staff or city employee;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR stands to provide unwavering support for the City to adopt a policy providing that no department, agency, commission, officer, employee, or agent of the City shall request or maintain sensitive information about any individual unless necessary to perform department, agency, or commission duties or required by law; and that sensitive information may be used and disseminated only to the extent necessary to accomplish the department, agency, or commission duties for which the information was requested or maintained, or where required by law.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR encourages the City to resist any improper effort by the federal government to withhold or withdraw federal funding as a result of the City’s policies to protect and defend its residents, including immigrants and members of religious minorities;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR also urges the University of California (UC) to follow through on implementing a sanctuary campus policy;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR urges Chancellor Wilcox to increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations, and legal services organizations that provide resources for students and families facing deportation;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR urges a campus-wide ban on ICE from recruiting students at job fairs and other events on campus, as that would make undocumented students feel unsafe on their own campus;
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR urges Chancellor Kim Wilcox to create a rapid response network to assist students or their family members who have been detained;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCR urges the UC to retain any and all employees currently protected under Former President Barack Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) upon its potential repeal by President Donald Trump;

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that ASUCR will provide its unequivocal support for the campus’ undocumented community by committing itself to fully endorse the establishment of the City as a sanctuary city.

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