

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 101

Approved February 28, 2025

WHEREAS, The “No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities” Act proposes to strip federal funding from states and localities that choose to limit their cooperation with federal immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, This bill would undermine essential support systems, including health, education, transportation, and domestic violence services that benefit all community members, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation would force cities and states into a harmful dilemma: to comply with mass deportation strategies or face significant reductions in critical funding for programs that serve families and children; and

WHEREAS, Many jurisdictions implement sanctuary policies to foster community trust, enhance public safety, and ensure that all residents feel secure in accessing necessary services without fear of deportation; and

WHEREAS, Studies indicate that collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities leads to decreased trust in public institutions, contributing to negative outcomes for children and families, including housing instability and diminished access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The bill fails to adequately define what constitutes “benefit” to undocumented immigrants, creating ambiguity that could result in extensive funding cuts impacting vital community programs, including school lunch initiatives, domestic violence shelters, transportation services, and emergency healthcare; and



WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has previously ruled against coercive funding conditions, affirming that Congress cannot impose unwarranted demands on states in exchange for federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we urge Members of Congress to vote NO on the "No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities" Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress must stand firm in defending the well-being of families and children by ensuring that all community members have equitable access to essential services, fostering an environment of trust and safety; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we call upon Congress to prioritize funding policies that strengthen communities and support the well-being of all residents, irrespective of their immigration status, and that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senator Jack Reed, U.S. Representative Seth Magaziner, and U.S. Representative Gabe Amo.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/28/2025