**Sample Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 54**

**Whereas**, immigrants are a vital part of California’s heart and soul and contribute profoundly to bettering our communities, and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home,

**Whereas,** all people should be treated fairly by law enforcement, no matter what they look like or where they were born,

**Whereas**, the threat of deportation puts victims and witnesses of crime at risk, with reports of domestic violence and sexual assault plummeting in several cities in 2017 compared to the previous year,[1]

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 54 (De León), the California Values Act prevents state and local law enforcement resources from being commandeered by the Trump Administration and diverted to tear families apart, and limits immigration enforcement actions at public schools, hospitals and courthouses,

**Whereas**, sanctuary jurisdictions have lower rates of violent crime on average than those without sanctuary policies**,** andaccording to a study by the University of California, San Diego, in 2015, the typical large metropolitan area in a sanctuary county experienced 15 percent lower overall crime rate than similar metro areas in non-sanctuary counties,[2]

**Whereas**, the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution makes clear that the federal government cannot force states to use state resources to carry out federal programs and policies,

**Whereas**, SB 54 is consistent with federal law, fully constitutional, and helps protect due process for all Californians, including immigrants,

**Whereas**, a spokesperson for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement resigned in March of 2018, citing fabrications by the agency’s director and stating the he “didn’t want to perpetuate misleading facts,”[3]

**Whereas**, the final version of SB 54 set a minimum standard across the state to limit abuses, and

**Whereas**, our community refuses to use California resources to separate children from their parents and detain and deport millions of hard-working mothers and fathers, neighbors, co-workers and friends,

**Whereas**, the City of XXX values all members of our community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of all residents, including immigrants; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**,that the City of XXX is in strong support of the California Values Act and directs the City Attorney/County Counsel to file/join an amicus brief in support of the Defendants in *United States of America v. The State of California et al.*, and be it,

**Further resolved,** that the City of XXX directs the City Attorney/County Counsel, in consultation with immigrant rights and criminal justice nonprofit organizations, to draft an Ordinance that builds on the protections provided by the SB 54 to ensure that local law enforcement and other city/county agencies are not engaged with immigration enforcement in any manner, unless required by federal or state law. The City Council/Board of Supervisors will introduce and vote on this Ordinance within XXX days of the passage of this resolution.

[1] http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-immigrant-crime-reporting-drops-20170321-story.html

[2] https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/reports/2017/01/26/297366/the-effects-of-sanctuary-policies-on-crime-and-the-economy/

[3] https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2018/03/13/ice-spokesman-resigns-over-false-statements-by-top-officials-about-calif-immigrant-arrests/