

Sanctuary Now!

Resist Attacks on Immigrants and Pass the Minneapolis Sanctuary Platform

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1. Fund legal representation for immigrants who are Minneapolis residents who are detained by ICE.
2. Create a Minneapolis Municipal ID available to all city residents regardless of immigration status.
3. Use the city's influence to press the Hennepin County sheriff and commissioners to stop cooperating with ICE in ways that result in deportations.
4. Shield Immigrants from ICE by implementing policies that reduce their exposure to ICE agents.
5. Hold legal clinics around the city to aid people to apply for residency or citizenship.
6. Guarantee certification of all U Visas by the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and adoption of an expedited process (7-day maximum) for people in deportation proceedings.
7. Do a comprehensive review of Minneapolis's data practices and take all possible measures to prevent ICE from accessing any data they could use to target immigrants.
8. Increase city resources to support vigorous enforcement of employment and labor laws focused on sectors of the economy with high violations which coincide in great part with industries that have a large number of immigrant workers: low-wage, day labor, and informal sector.
9. Strengthen tenants' rights and protections in Minneapolis; increase penalties on landlords who exclude, exploit or manipulate their tenants based on their immigration status.
10. Allow non-citizens the right to vote in municipal elections that the city has control over.
11. Reveal any ongoing city participation with the so-called "Countering Violent Extremism" (CVE) program and all affiliates, including the "Strong Cities Network"; release a statement condemning CVE and any similar program that singles out or targets immigrant communities.
12. Enact a city ordinance that strictly prohibits any ICE detention facility or ICE training center from opening or operating within the Minneapolis city limits and that prohibits any municipal entity from entering into any contract with DHS or ICE.
13. Establish a new municipal Office for Immigrant & Refugee Relationships.

"Sanctuary is a spiritual stance. Sanctuary makes a ring of fire around our people. Sanctuary grants us a taste of reprieve and protection so they can gather strength to go out there again and fight. This will be very hard work, and it will require everyone involved to realize that we are not in this to "save" anyone. This work requires us to deeply listen, build relationships and confront power." Marisa Franco