



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 02/27/17 07:00 PM

2017 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

FAIR AND WELCOMING BLOOMFIELD RESOLUTION

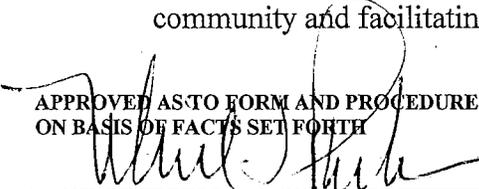
WHEREAS, Bloomfield values its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity. Our diversity is a source of our municipality's strength and the Bloomfield Township Council is committed to ensuring that all our residents can live and pursue their livelihoods in peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield residents, like many Americans, are deeply concerned about how the new presidential administration will impact their lives and families, whether they will be forced to leave this country, and whether rights and protections afforded to them will suddenly be taken away; and

WHEREAS, when local law enforcement voluntarily cooperates with or works on behalf of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to facilitate deportations, significant gaps in trust and cooperation grow between immigrant communities and the police. Some of these practices could expose the Township to liability for violations of individuals' Constitutional rights, and the deployment of our local police department to assume federal enforcement activities will reduce our ability to ensure the health and safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, undue collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE will make immigrants less likely to report crimes, act as witnesses in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and provide intelligence to law enforcement. The cooperation of the Township's immigrant communities is essential to prevent and solve crimes and maintain public order, safety and security in the entire Township. Community policing depends on trust with every community and facilitating deportations will harm our efforts at community policing; and

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH



DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, a growing number of municipalities around the country are standing up to threats against privacy and liberties by taking meaningful steps to ensure that communities are safe, and that all residents' rights are respected so that their municipality may continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, due to the Township's limited resources; the clear need to foster the trust of and cooperation from the public, including members of vulnerable communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield supports the establishment and communication of a clear policy that local police and government agents will not enforce federal immigration law nor help facilitate ICE deportations, except where legally required to do so. This includes developing a clear policy that the Township and its law enforcement agents and employees will not: enter into any contracts, agreements or arrangements, including "287(g) agreements" or Intergovernmental Service Agreements with the federal government that deputize local law enforcement officers to act as immigration agents or use local facilities to house immigrants in deportation proceedings; participate in joint operations with ICE, including, but not limited to setting up traffic stops for purposes of immigration enforcement or assisting in raids; stop, arrest or detain people based on perceived or actual immigration status or belief the person has committed an immigration offense; arrest, detain or transfer individuals based on warrantless immigration detainers or administrative warrants; or allow ICE access to Township facilities, property, equipment or databases without a judicial warrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield is committed to working on strong anti-discrimination policies to protect vulnerable communities. Insuring that all are treated fairly and without discrimination or profiling based on actual or perceived national origin, immigration status, race, ethnicity, language proficiency,

religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, or status as a veteran is a priority for our community. Such policies should include a prohibition on Township agents and employees conditioning services on immigration status, except where required under applicable federal or state law; strict policies prohibiting Township agents and employees from coercing individuals or threatening to report them or their family members to ICE or take other immigration-related action against them or their family members; and a strong policy making clear that where presentation of a state driver's license is accepted as adequate evidence of identity, presentation of a photo identity document issued by the person's nation of origin, such as a driver's license, passport, or consulate-issued document, shall be accepted and shall not subject the person to a higher level of scrutiny or different treatment. Township employees should not ask any individual or request information from any individual about their citizenship or immigration status except where required by state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield Mayor and Council is committed to work on strong privacy protections limiting the extent to which Township agents and employees are permitted to maintain and share confidential personal information, including personal contact information, information about national origin, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a jail, or status as a veteran; except where otherwise required by state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order. Nothing in this Order shall restrict a municipal agent, employee, or agency from maintaining, requesting, sending, receiving, or exchanging information regarding an individual's citizenship

or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, with another Federal, State, or local government entity, as governed by 8 U.S.C. 1373 and 8 U.S.C. 1644.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield Mayor and Council reaffirms the Township's commitment to enforce worker protections, such as Earned Sick Days and living wage laws, regardless of immigration status.

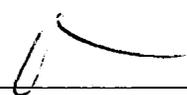
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield Mayor and Council encourages the adoption of clear and transparent protocols for the certification of U-Visas for undocumented immigrant community members who have been victims of a serious crime and have cooperated in the investigation of the crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield Mayor and Council is committed to publicly and vigorously opposing any government registry based on religion or national origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Bloomfield Mayor and Council is committed to maintaining community stakeholder engagement around implementation of policies that preserve and protect our diverse and inclusive community, and will serve as a resource for immigrant community members with questions, comments, or concerns about safety or local government's role in defending vulnerable communities.

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I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.



Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on February 27, 2017.

Louise Palagoni

 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Me Via

 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record - Resolution					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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