From: Renee Saucedo [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2026 10:04 AM
To: Stephen Zollman <szollman@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: My statement re Sebastopol immigrant youth

Hi Stephen,

Please find my statement attached, and please feel free to do with it what you find most helpful.

In Gratitude,
Renee

Statement of Renee Saucedo re Sebastopol immigrant youth

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Renee Saucedo
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The Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition supports the request to direct the Sebastopol City Attorney to adopt Non-Collaboration With ICE policies, including within its police department.

We don't want immigrant youth to be reported to ICE for juvenile offenses, or any other offenses, for two main reasons.

First, it would be illegal to do so under California law. The California Values Act (SB54) explicitly states that State and local law enforcement, including youth justice and juvenile detention officials, are prohibited from using local resources to assist ICE. While SB54 contains certain exceptions for adults, in the Juvenile System the exceptions can only be triggered if the juvenile is older than 16 and has been convicted of a specific, severe offense. Moreover, non-citizen youth also have rigorous protections through state juvenile court confidentiality laws.

Second, it would be unjust and immoral for Sebastopol to aid ICE in apprehending youth within its City boundaries. Such a practice would put entire immigrant families in jeopardy, regardless of family members' immigration status. For example, children and youth in our County already feel the devastating impacts, including severe emotional distress, caused by actual ICE enforcement or potential ICE enforcement. Young people and their families will continue to mistrust local law enforcement and other city officials if there is even a perception that the City aids ICE agents. Youth and their families will have little or no motivation to report crimes, serve as witnesses, or participate in any restorative justice programs for fear that their information may be turned over to ICE.

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) has excellent resources related to how local collusion with ICE impacts entire communities.

Thank you,
Renee Saucedo
Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition