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Letter from McClintock re California's Sanctuary State Law

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Dear Supervisors Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Ranalli, and Novasel,

I understand that at the Board meeting this coming Tuesday, April 3, you will consider a letter from Rep. McClintock in support of citizens who wish to defy California's Sanctuary State law. I'm writing as a firm **supporter** of that law.

Usually, the issue is presented as one of public safety. Balderdash! There is no statistical evidence that immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, are any more criminally inclined than the native born population. Moreover, from what I've read about it, the Sanctuary Law has been carefully crafted to avoid interfering with legitimate local law enforcement activities. It merely prevents local law enforcement from being used as a tool to enforce **federal** immigration policies.

The Trump administration raids, round ups, and deportations are motivated by racism and xenophobia- period. The goal appears to be to terrorize immigrant communities, discourage immigration from the "wrong" countries,, encourage self deportation , and "whiten" the US. This is a betrayal of the American tradition of welcoming folks--like my Italian grandparents--who just want to work hard and give their children a chance at a better life. It's also misguided, given that several industries, such as agriculture-one of the drivers of El Dorado County's economy- depend heavily on immigrant workers. Immigrants today, as they have done since the 19th century, do the jobs the native born shun.

I'm proud that California is resisting the bigoted, misguided immigration policies of the current administration.. I would like to also be proud of El Dorado County. Please continue to support California's Sanctuary Law.

Sincerely,
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Dear Supervisors,

As an El Dorado County resident and a strong supporter of California's Sanctuary State law, I'd like to mention a few thoughts you might keep in mind as you consider tomorrow a letter from Rep. McClintock that I understand supports defiance of that law.

-- Immigrants are important to our county's economy, working for example in agriculture and tourism (and in some cases, agricultural tourism) industries. Openly opposing the sanctuary law might well frighten immigrants of all statuses to the point of taking their valuable labor elsewhere, negatively impacting our industries and economy.

-- In addition, if our county were to openly defy the state's sanctuary law, potential tourists offended by what they might see as racism, xenophobia, or just plain ignorance -- tourists who might otherwise consider visiting our wineries, Apple Hill, Lake Tahoe and our other beautiful scenic and historic areas -- could take their leisure dollars elsewhere. This would also damage our industries and overall economy.

-- The state's sanctuary law does nothing to prevent El Dorado County law enforcement from carrying out their many local duties and responsibilities. It simply means that EDC law enforcement can't be used in service of federal immigration policies. (As an aside, review after review of US crime statistics shows immigrants are no more likely to commit crimes than US born folks. Facts matter!)

In closing, you no doubt recall about this time last year when the Placerville City Council refused to consider a resolution, previously withdrawn but not before attracting a great deal of attention, against sanctuary state status. I strongly believe that Council made the right decision, and I hope you as our county Board will arrive at the same one.

Thank you for reading, and for all your work on behalf of our county.

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