

**RESOLUTION 07-162, SERIES 2007**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF DAVIS AS A CITY OF SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the City of Davis has long benefited from a diverse international community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis respects all persons regardless of race, class, ethnicity, or legal status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis declared itself a City of Sanctuary, specific to refugees fleeing persecution in El Salvador and Guatemala, in 1986 through Resolution 5407; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants are especially vulnerable to workplace abuses and housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Davis has also passed Resolution 07-123, which states that the City of Davis disapproves of and condemns the civil rights violations caused by conducting raids for the purpose of deportation of undocumented foreign nationals; and

WHEREAS, much of the public discourse surrounding immigration has taken on a tone that ranges from irrational to racist, including the use of language such as "illegal" and "alien" to describe immigrants, which has a dehumanizing effect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis supports a fair and just reform to the immigration process; and

WHEREAS, cities such as Huntington Park, CA, San Francisco, Chicago and Cambridge, MA have declared themselves or reaffirmed their status as Sanctuary Cities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Davis reaffirms its declaration as a City of Sanctuary, broadening its scope to include undocumented workers and immigrants from all backgrounds; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Davis supports a just and fair immigration reform that respects individuals and allows proper and affordable navigation channels for individuals to become documented workers in, permanent residents of and/or naturalized citizens of the United States and affirms the basic human rights and dignity of every human being.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis this sixteenth day of October 2007 by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
Sue Greenwald  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret Roberts, CMC  
City Clerk