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April 5, 2017

Senator Kevin de León
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 54 (de León) (California Values Act)

Dear Senator de León,

The Arcata City Council writes to express strong support of SB 54 (de León), which protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations, separate families, or divide Californians on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, or national or ethnic origins.

Senate Bill 54, the California Values Act, upholds California's core values of equal treatment, community, family unity, and common humanity by ensuring that California's police departments, schools, hospitals, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life. Immigrants are part of California's heart and soul, and have deep roots in its neighborhoods and communities. At this time of rising national division and scapegoating of immigrant communities, the California Values Act reaffirms the state's commitment to valuing and protecting its immigrant communities and sends a powerful message of inclusion across the nation.

California is familiar with the harmful effects of entangling local law enforcement agencies with immigration enforcement. Continuing to tangle state and local public safety resources with the business of deportations threatens the civil rights and safety of all who reside in California. Such actions foster racial profiling and wrongful arrests, which further undermine trust between local communities and law enforcement. This bill is consistent with our City policies and its core values of upholding equal treatment, community, family unity, and common humanity by ensuring that California's police departments, schools, hospitals, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life.

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For these reasons, the Arcata City Council is proud to strongly support SB 54, so long as it is amended to clearly allow law enforcement to be able to address individuals committing felonies that endanger the community. Thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Ornelas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Susan" on the top line and "Ornelas" on the bottom line.

Susan Ornelas
Mayor

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cc: Senator Mike McGuire

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