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The Original list of Sanctuary Cities, USA

Note: The word "Original" is used because the OJJPAC Sanctuary Cities, USA List was to our knowledge, the first non-governmental organization to track sanctuary cities in the United States. OJJPAC began tracking sanctuary cities after it determined that the earlier Congressional Research Service's report on sanctuary cities was outdated and incomplete.

The Original list of Sanctuary Cities, USA, list is the most complete and widely used list of sanctuary cities in the United States. Our sanctuary list has been widely copied since 2007, usually without properly linking to this page. As a result, most copies of our sanctuary cities list on other websites are out-of-date.

(Scroll down for the most complete list of Sanctuary Cities in the United States of America)

What are Sanctuary Cities?

By Steve Salvi, Founder, OJJPAC.org

In 1996, the 104th U.S. Congress passed Pub. L. 104-208, also known as the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA). The IIRIRA requires local governments to cooperate with Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency. Despite the IIRIRA, hundreds of urban, suburban, and rural communities have ignored the law and adopted so-called "sanctuary policies."

Generally, sanctuary policies instruct local or state government employees not to notify the federal government of the presence of illegal aliens living in or passing through their communities, counties, or states. These policies may also blur the legal distinction between legal resident aliens and illegal aliens, so illegal aliens can have access to the same taxpayer funded programs and benefits available to legal permanent resident aliens.

Sanctuary policies exist in two forms, formal and informal (de facto).

A formal sanctuary policy is a written policy enacted a local government body in the form of a resolution, ordinance, or administrative action--general or special orders, or departmental policies. Formal sanctuary cities are the easiest to identify

because these sanctuary policies are in writing and are subject to public records requests by citizens and the press.

Examples of formal sanctuary policies

The Governor of Maine instituted an Executive Order entitled "An Order Concerning Access to State Services By All Entitled Maine Residents," in 2004. The Order limits state employee ability to report the presence of illegal aliens, which some people claim has resulted in many illegal aliens migrating to Maine seeking public benefits and valid Maine drivers licenses (which can be used to drive in other states).

The Republican controlled Utah Legislature passed controversial bills in May 2011, which allow illegal aliens to live and work in Utah. Police also refrain from inquiring about anyone's legal status unless they are stopped or arrested for serious misdemeanors or felonies.

In 2008, Gavin Newsom, who served as mayor of San Francisco at the time, publicized the city's sanctuary status in a press release for San Francisco's Sanctuary City Outreach Program. Newsome later backtracked from his own statements after news reports began exposing how the city's sanctuary policy had protected violent criminal illegal alien gang members. In 2009, Newsome attempted to veto an ordinance passed by San Francisco's even more radical Board of Supervisors which prohibited illegal aliens charged with crimes from being detained by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Newsome now serves as California's Lt. Governor.

In Katy, Texas, publicity about re-offending illegal aliens also put pressure on that city's administration to rethink it's sanctuary policy--at least for illegal aliens that commit felonies.

Informal sanctuary policies

An informal sanctuary policy is an 'unwritten' policy that exists but is not formally documented on paper. An informal sanctuary policy might be by oral, handshake, or even unspoken understandings or agreements.

None-the-less, an informal sanctuary policy is sanctioned by a local government authority and implemented by its public employees (administrative, service, and or safety forces). Informal sanctuary policies are more difficult to document since no public record exists. Informal sanctuary policies however can be evidenced in other ways.

A local government's (e.g., township, village, city, or county) interaction with illegal aliens can evidence an unwritten sanctuary policy. For example, does a police department contact Immigration and Customs enforcement (ICE) if they encounter illegal aliens after a traffic stop or criminal arrest? Are illegal aliens simply released after the traffic stop or time spent in the local jail? Are criminal charges dropped to help the illegal alien from being taken into custody by ICE?

Statements and actions by public official can indicate a community's unwritten policy too. Did a mayor of a town hire illegal alien day laborers for a city project? Does a mayor, city administrator, or other city official complain to the press that illegal aliens in their community should not be subject to raids or arrests by ICE? Does a city council adopt a resolution in opposition to the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws? Does the city have a day-labor hiring center for the benefit of non-citizens? These actions and statements are indicators that an informal (unwritten) sanctuary policy may exist in a community.

Why do public officials adopt sanctuary policies for illegal aliens?

One justification of creating sanctuary cities is often under the guise of protecting 'immigrant rights.' But illegal aliens are not immigrants. By definition, an 'immigrant' is a foreign national (alien) who legally emigrated to the U.S. and has applied for and

was granted lawful permanent resident status by the U.S. government. When a foreign national is illegally smuggled into the U.S. or violates visa restrictions--he or she is an unauthorized (illegal) alien present in the U.S. in violation of U.S. law, and subject to deportation under Title 8 of the U.S. Code § 1227, Deportable aliens.

Another false argument public officials use to justify sanctuary policies is public safety. To gain support for the adoption of sanctuary policies, some public officials claim that sanctuary policies serve as an effective "community policing" tool. This fallacious argument goes as follows: 'Illegal aliens who are witnesses or victims of crimes, won't report the crimes for fear of arrest and deportation.'

However, illegal aliens cannot possibly be victims of crime in the U.S. (or be witnesses to crimes) if they if are not in the U.S. Nor can illegal aliens continue to victimize thousands of U.S. citizens each year if they are removed from the U.S. and kept out by an aggressive border and interior enforcement policy. Logically, public safety is improved by enforcing immigration laws, including the prosecution of those individuals whom have aided and abetted illegal aliens by adopting illegal sanctuary policies.

Why do public officials pass sanctuary laws or establish unwritten "don't ask--don't tell" policies? There are a variety of reasons. Some politicians attempt to appease politically powerful illegal immigration support groups such as the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDF), and League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) that lobby local governments to implement formal or informal sanctuary policies. Other reasons include political contributions and ethnic voter support at election time; complacency, ignorance, or 'don't care' attitudes; and purposeful resistance to existing U.S. immigration law based upon an open-border political philosophy that may serve their economic, political, or ethnocentric interests.

A number of politically appointed big city police chief's often support an administration's sanctuary policy because they share a similar political ideology or just want to keep their jobs. Supporting sanctuary policies can also be the path of least resistance for city officials too. Public officials can avoid the political protests and threats of expensive lawsuits by organizations like the ACLU that routinely follow any attempts by cities who try to stop illegal aliens from settling in their communities. The City of Hazelton, PA was sued by the Obama administration after it's city council passed ordinances intended to counter an illegal alien crime wave in which several people were murdered.

The Obama administration had been quick to file lawsuits against any state or local government attempting to crack down on illegal aliens in its jurisdiction. However, when cities openly violated federal law by aiding illegal aliens, the Obama administration failed to prosecute. The Obama Department of Justice reportedly pressured DHS not to interfere with cities with sanctuary policies. Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson audaciously claimed that the Obama administration was helpless in stopping sanctuary policies. Johnson also opposed any attempts by the U.S. Congress to pass legislation punishing sanctuary cities.

The consequences of sanctuary policies. What you can do.

Military strategists understand the importance of denying an enemy geographic sanctuaries. Sanctuaries allow an enemy time to safely operate and build up defensive and offensive capabilities and hold and take ground. Sanctuaries for illegal aliens likewise provide an important strategic advantage over law enforcement and their ability to perform their law enforcement duties.

Sanctuary policies, official or de facto, result in safe havens (or safer havens) for illegal aliens involved in a variety of criminal

enterprises. Sanctuary policies inhibit the ability of law enforcement officers to accurately identify foreign nationals which makes it more difficult to uncover their illegal activities. Illegal aliens face less risk of deportation too if caught by local law enforcement. Sanctuary policies also help shield the operations of Latin American drug cartels, gangs, and terrorist cells--since their activities are less likely to be detected and real identities uncovered by local, state, or federal law enforcement.

Some sanctuary cities (e.g., Chicago and San Francisco) even receive millions of dollars in federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grants to compensate for the cost of jailing illegal alien criminals--even though their city sanctuary policies act to encourage illegal alien settlement.

According to Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeffrey Rosen, the Santa Clara County California's sanctuary policy has put its citizens at greater risk. District Attorney Rosen proposed that the County Board of Supervisors vote to ease its law baring local law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration law enforcement. Rosen gave an example of a woman who was raped by an illegal alien who had been shielded from federal detention by the county's policy.

To learn more about the consequences of sanctuary policies and lax immigration law enforcement, visit the Victims of Illegal Aliens Memorial and the Ojjpac homepage.

What you can do to stop sanctuary policies in your city and state.

What can you do to help stop sanctuary policies? Get involved and demand change! Call the President and your members of Congress (U.S. House and U.S. Senate) and demand aggressive border and interior enforcement of U.S. immigration laws. At the state and local level, attend and testify at scheduled public meetings and determine what are your community's policies. If your local government or state has official or unofficial sanctuary policies, demand that the policies be repealed.

A group of citizens in Spokane, Washington, called Respect Washington, started an initiative petition in 2015 (Initiative No. 2015-1) to stop the city's illegal alien sanctuary policy which was adopted by the Spokane City Council as Ordinance Nos. C35164 and C-35167 in October, 2014. The group is also working on a statewide "Respect for Law" initiative petition.

Some state legislatures have either passed or are considering immigration enforcement legislation too, which you can support. For example, in early 2015, State Senator Charles Perry, R-Lubock, Texas, introduced SB 185. SB 185 specifically allowed local law enforcement to question immigration status and share that information with federal law enforcement. It also allowed the Texas Attorney General to investigate citizen complaints about Texas cities that have adopted sanctuary policies.

Some public officials have taken positive steps to combat illegal alien crime.

Some communities have taken positive steps to combat illegal immigration to offset the Obama administration's foot-dragging and purposeful undermining of U.S. immigration law enforcement. For example, after significant numbers of illegal aliens began to settle in Prince William County, VA, its Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on July 10, 2007 cracking down on illegal aliens. The county's law enforcement agents would now check immigration status of people detained for violating local or state laws if an officer had probable cause. Here is a February 25, 2008 police department news release: Police Department Implements New Illegal Immigration Enforcement Policy. After the enforcement policy was implemented, many illegal aliens moved out of the county, crime significantly dropped, and citizens experienced an improved quality of life.

Some cities have passed resolutions declaring themselves not to be sanctuary cities. The City of Escondido, CA passed such a resolution in 2007 and defeated an attempt to have it repealed by a Hispanic council member in 2010. In May, 2010, The City of Costa Mesa, CA passed a "Rule of Law City" Resolution supported by Mayor Allan Mansoor. The resolution signaled the city's support for the rule of law and opposition to cities that violate federal law by creating sanctuaries for illegal aliens.

In response to the great number of illegal aliens entering Arizona via Mexico, the Arizona state legislature passed the Legal Arizona Workers Act in 2007, which allowed the state to sanction employers of illegal workers. In 2010, the State of Arizona also passed the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act, better known as SB 1070, which also had the purpose of addressing the problems associated with illegal migration in Arizona. The U.S. Department of Justice sued the State of Arizona over SB 1070 and in, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case and later upheld some parts of the law and struck down others aspects of the law on the basis of the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

In May, 2011, Congressman Lou Barletta (PA-11), introduced H.R. 2057 Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act of 2011, a bill that prohibits sanctuary cities from receiving federal funds until the communities are in compliance with the IIRIR Act of 1996. The bill died in the U.S. House of Representatives. Barletta, the former mayor of Hazleton Pennsylvania gained national attention in 2006 after working to pass two ordinances to combat escalating violence attributed to the growing illegal alien population in Hazleton. Barletta reintroduced The Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act after the murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco in July, 2015. Steinle was shot by an illegal alien from Mexico who had sought protection from deportation by San Francisco's sanctuary policy.

U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions, one of the strongest advocates for immigration law enforcement in the U.S. Congress, introduced Senate Bill 1640 (S. 1640) in June, 2015, to address Sanctuary Cities. Senator Sessions' bill gives states and local governments the authority to enforce immigration laws. It is named the Davis-Oliver Act, after two law enforcement officers who where murdered by illegal aliens. Congressman Trey Gowdy introduced a companion bill in the U.S. House (H.R. 1148).

The Missouri legislature acted to rein in sanctuary cities by amending Chapter 67of the Missouri Revised Statutes, enacting Section 67.307. The new Act prohibited municipalities from adopting sanctuary policies under the penalty of becoming ineligible for certain state funding.

The ordinances and state statutes that municipalities and states have passed have been subject to immediate legal challenges. The former Obama administration and or so-called "immigrant rights groups" used their resources to oppose any attempts to crackdown on illegal aliens in their jurisdictions. Opponents to the enforcement initiatives claimed that the U.S. Constitution delegates all immigration powers to the federal government and local or state governments had no business involving themselves in immigration policy.

Some local and state officials frustrated with the Obama administration's lack of enforcement of immigration laws, argued that they were forced to take action because the federal government's blatant refusal to enforce the law. These officials argued that they have the authority to pass and enforce laws that do not conflict with federal law. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that some aspects of these state statutes are constitutional, such as parts of Arizona's SB 1070.

Partisanship has also been apparent in the battle over sanctuary policies to this day. For example, in October 2015, the U.S. Senate held a cloture vote on S.2146, which was introduced by Louisiana Senator David Vitter. The senate bill's intent was to

penalize cities that provided sanctuary to illegal aliens in defiance of federal law. In a party-line vote, Senate Democrats overwhelmingly supported sanctuary cities by denying the necessary 60 votes needed to end debate, thereby killing the bill.

In July, 2016, partisanship also killed two anti-sanctuary bills in the U.S. Senate. Senate Bill 2193 (a.k.a. Kate's Law) and S. 3100, the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act, were both defeated during procedural motion votes by members of the Senate Democratic caucus.

Donald Trump happily surprise many people in the pro-immigration law enforcement camp by making the issue of sanctuary cities, a key hot-button issue in the 2016 presidential campaign. Candidate Trump succeeded in riding the country's pro-immigration law enforcement wave to the White House.

President Trump's dramatic November 8th election victory stunned open-border advocates who vowed to fight any attempt by President Trump to enforce the rule of law and deport illegal aliens. Trump's vow to crack down on 'sanctuary cities' by cutting federal funding has set the stage for a battle of wills with a number of small and big city mayors. These cities, primarily run by socialist progressives who have transformed the Democratic Party into a far-leftwing political party, have openly stated that they will continue to defy federal law and refuse to cooperate with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers.

During Trump's first week in office, the President signed several pro-immigration law enforcement Executive Orders. The 'Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States' Executive Order dealt specifically with the problem of Sanctuary Cities. Since signing the Order, over 50 additional cities have thumbed their nose at the Trump Department of Homeland Security and passed Sanctuary Resolutions, sometimes calling them 'Welcoming Resolutions' in order to avoid the attention of the Trump administration.

In an March 15, 2017 article written by Joseph Geha for the East Bay Times, the chairman of the City of Fremont California's Human Relations Commission, is quoted as saying: "There are strength in numbers. The more communities, the more cities that sign on to sanctuary city status, the more difficult it will be for the federal government government to do anything about it." [The Fremont city council passed its sanctuary resolution that day.]

A 'sanctuary flash mob' strategy does appear to be the progressive Democrats' plan to overwhelm President Trump's efforts to rein in sanctuary jurisdictions by threatening cuts in federal funding.

Since President Trump released his Executive Order, the trend has been a sharp increase in the number of sanctuary resolutions being passed across the country. That trend slowed after US Attorney General Jeff Sessions began to also publicly warn that sanctuary jurisdictions' might lose federal funds.

But as the threatened funding cuts did not occur, cities resumed their consideration of sanctuary policies, sometimes also referred to as "welcoming" policies. Some existing sanctuary cities also began to double down on their policies. They included more restrictions on information sharing and filed lawsuits claiming that it was unlawful for the federal government to cut some or all the threatened funding. In a January 18, 2018 interview, Oakland California Mayor Libby Schaaf said she would defend the city's illegal alien sanctuary policy even it results in her jailing.

The State of California's refusal to cooperate with federal immigration agents is also getting blowback from some Californians, including citizens and public officials. They believe that the state's refusal to cooperate with the federal immigration agents is a violation of federal law and puts their citizens at risk.

Texas governor Greg Abbott signed an anti-sanctuary bill (SB 4) that was passed by the Texas legislature in 2017. The law was almost immediately challenged and blocked by a US District Court judge Orlando Garcia. On appeal, the Fifth Circuit Court reversed Garcia's order, allowing most of the law injunctive relief. Enforcement of the law has said to be "rare." The Texas attorney general did file suit against the San Antonio chief of police in November, 2018 for failing to comply with the law. The suit remain pending.

In March, 2018, the City Council of Los Alamitos, California, made national news when it voted to reject and exempt itself from the state's recent sanctuary law. The state law prohibits Californian cities and state government from cooperating with federal immigration agents. Since then other cities in California are now considering or have passed similar anti-sanctuary ordinances. The commissioners in the Florida county of Brevard also passed a anti-sanctuary resolution in August, 2018. Pro-sanctuary non-profit groups like the American Friends Service Committee, are advocating for "Sanctuary Everywhere" policies throughout the U.S. Some jurisdictions like Miami-Dade Florida plan to help protect illegal aliens from state anti-sanctuary laws by having police issue tickets to some illegal alien criminals rather then send them to jail where they may be identified by ICE agents and detained for deportation proceedings.

Ultimately, the "sanctuary" battle will continue in the federal court system for years to come. The U.S. Supreme Court will likely decide the fate of the many lawsuits related to "sanctuary city" policies, and the Trump administration's related executive orders (e.g., DACA) which have also been challenged in federal courts.

Does your town, city, county, or state have a written or unwritten sanctuary policy? Read the disclaimer below and then view The Original List of Sanctuary Cities, USA.

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The Original list of Sanctuary Cities, USA

(The list was created in 2006 and last updated on August 29, 2019)

Notices of understanding and disclaimer:

If you believe a county, city, town, hamlet, etc. should not be listed, please send an email to salvi@ojjpac.org. We will note the dispute and attempt to verify the jurisdiction's status. Dates that accompany entries represent the point at which a city or other political jurisdiction was added to the sanctuary list. Dates do not necessarily indicate when it became (or allegedly became) a sanctuary. Not all listings have been independently verified by OJJPAC. This is primarily true with entries added prior to May, 2007, when cities were added after being contacted by local sanctuary whistleblowers. Sanctuary listings after May 2007, include one or more sources. Some sanctuary cities may not have yet been identified and therefore not listed below. You are encouraged to perform additional research regarding the status of your community as policies can change. The presence of illegal aliens in a community does not necessarily indicate that a city supports illegal migration or is a "sanctuary city." Cities that have rescind their sanctuary ordinances or resolutions will be in green text. Cities disputing listings will have a notation in red text.

Source abbreviation key:

Dept. of Homeland Security Declined Detainer Outcome Report = DHS DDOR

Congressional Research Service = CSR

U.S. Sanctuary jurisdictions listed by state (in alphabetical order)

Alabama

- Birmingham, AL Added 2-2-17, Source: Birmingham City Council passes sanctuary city resolution, WBRC Fox TV-6 News, 2-1-17.

Alaska

- *(1-18-17 The city of **Anchorage** has been removed from the Sanctuary Cities list. The city forwarded a resolution stating it will now cooperate with the Department of Homeland Security. The city of Fairbanks had previously been listed due its designation as a sanctuary city by the Congressional Research Service. OJJPAC thanks the City of Anchorage for taking positive steps to clarify its compliance with federal law. Anchorage's enforcement statistics will be monitored for compliance.

- * (The city of **Fairbanks** has been removed from the Sanctuary Cities list due to the city council's passage of a resolution supporting a formal recognition of its cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. The city of Fairbanks had previously been listed due its designation as a sanctuary city by the Congressional Research Service. OJJPAC thanks the City of Fairbanks for taking positive steps to clarify its compliance with federal law. Fairbanks enforcement statistics will be monitored for compliance.

Arizona

- Chandler, AZ (Added 5/30/07, Congressional Research Service Report, 2006. The city disputes its listing.)

- Mesa, AZ (Added 10-18-09, Sources: Judicial Watch; East Valley Tribune article,1-4-2008)*

- Prescott Valley, AZ Added 4-5-17, Source: Immigration status will be ignored, local police say, by Scott Orr, The Daily Courier, 4-2-17. 8-1-18 Town Manager disputes listing via email. To date the town manager has not responded to my 8-2-18 email request for a copy of the Town's illegal alien policy evidencing its cooperation with DHS.
- Phoenix, AZ
- South Tucson, AZ (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Tucson, A Z (Added 11-12-07, Source: 11-11-07 story by Brady McCombs, Arizona Daily Star. See note below.)

California

- State of California Added 1-21-18, Sources: Governor Jerry Brown Signs SB54 into law, October 5, 2017.
- Alameda Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Amador Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Bell Gardens, CA
- Berkeley, CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report which points to Berkeley's General Order J-1.
- Butte Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Calaveras Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Cathedral City, CA Added 5-26-17. Source: Cathedral city to become sanctuary city, By Joe Galli, KESQ TV 2, 5-25-17.
- Chula Vista, CA Added 4-19-17, Source: Chula Vista council supports state sanctuary bill, lawsuit challenging Trump, San Diego Union Tribune, 4-13-17.
- City of Industry, CA
- City of Commerce, CA
- Coachella, CA Added 7-23-12, Source: La Voz de Aztlan. Passed in 2006 and existence supported by quotes in city's 9-12-07 council meeting minutes.
- Colusa Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. 1-18-17 Supervisor disputes listing. OJJPAC has requested Co. forward its policy for review.
- Contra Costa Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Cypress, CA
- Davis CA
- Downey, CA
- El Monte, CA Added 4-19-17, Source: Without 'sanctuary city' title, El Monte vows not to aid federal immigration agents, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 2-8-17.
- El Dorado, CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Fremont, CA Added 3-22-17, Source: Fremont adopts sanctuary city status, East Bay Times, 3-15-17.
- Fresno, CA Added 6/13/07 Congressional Research Service. City disputes its listing claiming CRS could not provide source of its research.
- Fresno Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Garden Grove, CA Added 8-22-18 Source: Garden Grove City Council adopts harmony city status, by Ocean City Daily.
- Glenn Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Greenfield, CA Added 7-23-12, Source: *Battle at the ballot box in Greenfield*, *Monterey County, The Herald*, 6-1-12)
- Hayward CA Added 7-13-17. Source: Hayward declares itself a sanctuary city, East Bay Times, 6-7-17.
- Healdsburg, CA Added 3-4-17, Source: 2-21-17 Healdsburg City Council affirms support for immigrants 'regardless of their status,' The Press Democrat.
- Humboldt Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Imperial Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Kern Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Kings Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Lake Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- La Puente, CA Added 4-5-17. Source: La Puente declares city a 'sanctuary' for immigrants, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1-11-17.
- Lassen Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Livingston, CA Added 5-21-17. Source: Livingston becomes first Central Valley "sanctuary city," KFSN ABC-TV 30, 5-18-17.
- Los Angeles, CA Sources: Congressional Research Service; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Los Angeles Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.

- Long Beach, CA
- Lynwood, CA
- Malibu, CA (Added 3-18-17, Source: City Council Votes To Declare Malibu A Sanctuary City, ABC TV 7, 3-14-17)
- Marin Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Madera Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Maywood, CA
- Mendocino Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Merced Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Modoc Co. CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Montebello, CA
- Monterey Co., CA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Napa Co., CA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- National City, CA
- Nevada Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Norwalk, CA
- Oakland, CA (Added 8-27-07. Source: 4/25/07 story by KCBS 740 AM. Link here.)
- Orange Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Palm Springs, CA Added 1-31-17, Source: Palm Springs has been an unofficial sanctuary city for years, By Gustavo Solis, The Desert Sun, 1-19-17
- Paramount, CA
- Petaluma, CA Added 3-4-17, Source: 2-27-17 Petaluma City Council unanimously adopts 'It Won't Happen Here' resolution, The Argus-Courier
- Pico Rivera, CA
- Piedmont, CA Added 8-23-18, Source: Piedmont council OKs sanctuary city resolution 5-0, By Linda Davis, East Bay Times, 6-7-18
- Placer Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report
- Richmond, CA Added 11-5-09. Sources: Mayor Gayle McLaughlin's campaign website from 2004, 2006
- Riverside Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; Sheriff says he won't hold jailed immigrants for ICE, Press Enterprise, 10-2-15
- Sacramento Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Salinas, CA Added 7-13-17. Source: Salinas approves 'welcoming city' resolution, By Monterey Herald, 6-21-17.
- San Benito Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- San Bernardino, CA Added 6/7/07, reader submitted / 9/5/08 Listing disputed by the city administration* See addl. notes)
- San Bernardino Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- San Carlos, CA Added 3-18-17, Source: San Carlos Adopts Sanctuary City Status In Defiance Of Trump Administration, The Daily Caller, 3-14-17
- San Diego, CA Sources: Congressional Research Service; SDPD chief endorses controversial immigration bill, Fox-TV 5, 9-2-13
- San Diego Co., CA Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report
- San Gabriel, CA Added 8-23-18, Source: San Gabriel approves 'safe city' sanctuary resolution, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 4-4-18
- Joaquin Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report
- San Luis Obispo Co., CA Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report 2-23-17 disputed by City. Under review.
- San Mateo Co., CA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Santa Ana, CA (Added 1-31-17, Source: http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Santa-Ana-sanctuary-city-immigration-Orange-County-411044565.html
- Santa Barbara Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Santa Clara County, CA (Added 11-29-10, source: Forced into Immigration Enforcement, A County Considers Plan B, 10-21-10, Huffington Post.; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Santa Cruz, CA (Added 5/30/07, documented by KSBW news)
- Santa Cruz Co., CA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; 12-17-16 letter from Jim Hart, Sheriff-Coroner, Co. of Santa Cruz)
- San Francisco, CA (Congressional Research Service)
- San Francisco Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- San Jose, CA (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)
- Santa Maria, CA (11-18-08 Submitted research from local activist/ Listing disputed by the city administration)
- Santa Rosa, CA (Added 2-16-17, Source: Resolution No. RES-2017-017 passed by the City of Santa Rosa on 2-7-17)
- Seaside, CA Added 4-5-17, Source: Seaside declares itself a 'sanctuary city,' at risk of losing federal grants, by James Herrera, Monterey Herald, 3-30-17.
- Sacramento Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Shasta Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Solano Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Soledad, CA Added 3-27-17, Source: Soledad becomes sanctuary city, Monterey Herald, 3-23-17.
- Sonoma, CA (Added 3-4-17, Source: 2-22-17 Sonoma agrees to take a stand in support of immigrants [illegal aliens], The Press Democrat)
- Sonoma Co., CA (Source: Congressional Research Service; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- South Gate, CA
- Stanislaus Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Sutter Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Tehama Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Trinity Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Tulare Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Vallejo, CA Added 6-3-17. Source: City Council names Vallejo a safe haven for immigrants, By John Glidden, Times Herald, 5-25-17.
- Ventura, Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Vernon, CA

- Watsonville, CA (Added 5/30/07, documented by KSBW news)
- Windsor, CA (Added 3-7-17, Police Chief to Illegal Aliens: 'Your Immigration Status Is Completely Irrelevant', CNS News, 3-6-17)
- Wilmington, CA
- Yolo Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Yuba Co., CA (Added 7-30-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Colorado

- **All 64 Counties in CO** (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Aurora, CO
- Commerce City, CO
- Denver, CO (Source: Congressional Research Service)
- Durango, CO (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)
- Federal Heights, CO
- Fort Collins, CO Added in 2007, Updated source: Fort Collins council supports welcoming immigrants [including illegal aliens], by Kevin Duggan, The Coloradoan, 10-4-17.
- Lafayette, CO (Added 6/3/07, documented by reader)
- Thornton, CO (City disputes its listing. However, the city did not forward a copy of its policy regarding illegal aliens)
- Westminster, CO

Connecticut

- Bloomfield, CT Added 2-18-17, Source: Bloomfield Resolution Affirming Bloomfield, CT as Welcoming and Inclusive, 2-16-17.
- East Haven, CT Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR
- Fairfield Co., CT Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Hartford, CT Added 5/4/10. Sources: [Ordinance passed in 2008]; NEWS 21 Blog, by Amy Crawford, Hartford, CT; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Hartford Co., CT Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- New Haven, CT Added 6/4/07. Source: TV News 8: City council votes 25-1 to issue ID cards to illegal aliens.
- New Haven Co., CT Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- New London Co., CT Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; Council Approves Sanctuary City Resolution, AP, 6-19-18
- Tolland Co., CT (Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Willimantic, CT (Added 3-1-17, Source: 2-15-17 Conn Sees Increase In Towns, Cities Exploring Sanctuary City Status..., Courant.com)
- Windham Co., CT (Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Florida

- Alachua, FL Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Broward Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Clay, FL
- * Correction *3/26/16 DeLeon Springs is being removed because it is a census-designated place (CDP) and has no formal municipal government.
- Deltona, FL * Disputed
- Hendry Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Herando Co. Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Hillsborough Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Jupiter, FL Added 4-13-09. Previously on watch list.
- Key West, FL Added 5-28-17. Source: Key West approves softer version of 'sanctuary city,' By Gwen Filosa, Keynoter.com, 5-17.
- Lake Worth, FL Added 4-13-09. OJJPAC given tour of city by local activists.
- Lee Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- *Miami, FL *1-28-17 Miami mayor rescinds sanctuary policy. Miami will be removed from the sanctuary cities list as soon as DHS confirms city is in full compliance.
- Miami Beach, FL Added 4-5-17, Source: Miami Beach Passes Pro-Immigrant Resolution, Gemenez Denies It Happened, by Jerry Iannelli, Miami New Times, 2-10-17.
- Monroe Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Miami-Dade Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Okaloosa Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Orange Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Orlando, FL Added 8-24-18, Source: Orlando approves Trust Act policy to cheers of immigration activists, By Ryan Gillespie, Orlando Sentinel, July 23, 2016
- Oscelola Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Palm Beach Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Pasco Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.

- Pinellas Co., FL Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Santa Rosa Co., FL (Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- St. Lucie Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Sunrise, FL Added 12-12-15, Source: City support for Obama's unconstitutional DAPA and DACA exec. orders.
- Tampa, FL Added 12-12-15, Source: City support for Obama's unconstitutional DAPA and DACA exec. orders.
- Washington Co., FL Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- ***West Palm Beach, FL** Added 4-5-17, Source: West Palm Beach Declares Itself 'Welcoming City' For Immigrants, WLRN News, 3-29-17.
- * Note: Until the immigration policy settlement agreed to by WPB and the US DOJ results in statistically significant
- increase in arrests and deportations, WPB will remain on this list of sanctuary cities.

Georgia

- Clayton Co., GA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR
- Dalton, GA Added 5/30/07. 6/18/07 Listing disputed by the City of Dalton, GA. City's written policy requested, not received as of 1-28-12.
- DeKalb Co., GA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Statesboro, GA Added 4-5-17, Source: Statesboro declares itself a welcoming city, by Al Hackle, Statesboro Herald, March, 2017.

Indiana

- East Chicago, IN Added 7-29-19, Source: Indiana Federation for Immigration Reform (IFIRE)
- Gary, IN Added 7-29-19, Sources: IFIRE; Gary sued over 'welcoming city' ordinance: lawyer claims it violates Indiana's sanctuary city ban, NWI.com, 12-5-17
- West Lafayette, IN Added 3-7-17, Source: West Lafayette council aims to make immigrants [illegal aliens] feel welcome, WANE-TV

Illinois

- Carbondale, IL Added 4-19-17, Source: Carbondale city leaders pass resolution becoming a "safe and welcoming community," ABC WSIL TV-3, 4-12-17.
- Champaign Co., IL (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Will not honor ICE detainer.)
- Chicago, IL (Sources: Congressional Research Service; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Cicero, IL (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)
- Cook Co., IL (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Requires written agreement from ICE reimbursing costs of honoring detainer.)
- Urbana, IL (Added 1-15-17 Source: Sanctuary City Measure Passes Urbana council On 5-1 Vote, Illinois Public Media, University of Illinois, 12-20-16)

- Oak Park, IL Added, 3-18-17, Source: Oak Park approves sanctuary city ordinance, By Timothy Inklebarger, Oakpark.com, 2-7-17

- Evanston, IL (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)

Iowa

- **The following Iowa counties will not honor ICE detainers without a court order or unless a judge has approved a probable cause warrant:** Allamakee, Benton, Cass, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Franklin, Freemont, Greene, Ida, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Linn, Marion, Monona, Montgomery, Polk, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Story, Wapello, Winneshiek Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
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- Iowa City Added 1-18-17, Source: Iowa City Adopts limited role in immigration enforcement, by Andy Davis, Iowa City Press-Citizen, 1-17-17

Kansas

- Butler Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Finney Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Harvey Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Johnson Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Sedgwick Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Shawnee Co. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Wichita (Source: Police department policy exposed after the death of Lola Jayne, KSN TV-3, 12-19-08)

Louisiana

- New Orleans, LA (Source: Police department announced policy of "don't ask, don't tell" by Police superintendent Warren Riley, WWL-TV; 9-9-09)
- Orleans Parish Co., LA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Maine

- Bar Harbor Added 7-13-17. Source: Sanctuary resolution passes, by Liz Graves, Mount Desert Islander, 6-7-17.
- Mount Desert Added 5-21-17. Source: Welcoming communities, Maine Desert Islander, 5-12-17.
- Portland Added 5/31/07 Note: Maine resident reported that Portland city council passed sanctuary legislation.
- State of Maine Added 5/31/07 Note: Governor of Maine initiated de facto protections for illegal aliens by Executive Order in 2004*

Maryland

- Annapolis, MD Added 2-16-17, Source: Annapolis passes immigration-non-discrimination bill, 2-14-17
- Baltimore, MD Sources: Congressional Research Service; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Charles Co., MD Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Frederick, MD Added 8-29-19, Source: Frederick County sheriff says he needs help against 'attack' on his immigration enforcement policies, Fox5DC.com, 8-27-19.
- Gaithersburg, MD Disputed by city 7-10-15. As of 9-8-15, the city has not forwarded a copy of its policy regarding illegal alien in Gaithersburg.
- Howard Co., MD Added 3-13-17, Source: Howard County Council Approves 'Sanctuary' Status, By Mikaela Lefrak, WAMU, 2-6-17). Councilman Fox disputes status.
- Mt. Rainier, MD Added 1-20-08, Source: The Washington D.C. Examiner, 1-19-08.
- Montgomery Co., MD Added 11-3-09, Source: *Frederick County sheriff worried about MontCo gangs*, The Washington D.C. Examiner, 11-2-09. Also DDO.
- Prince George's Co., MD Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Takoma Park, MD Reported that City ordinance passed some 20 years ago; Congressional Research Service.

Massachusetts

- Amherst, MA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Arlington, MA Added 5-22-17. Source: Arlington Town Meeting pases sanctuary community measure, By Bram Berkowitz, Arlington Wicked Local, 5-9-17.
- Boston, MA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report citing the Boston Trust Act)
- Cambridge, MA (Source: Boston Globe. First passed resolution in 1985; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Chelsea, MA (Added: 8-14-07 Source: Chelsea government website with text of sanctuary policy.)
- Concord, MA (Added 3-18-17, Source: Selectmen back 'sanctury town' proposal, 1-25-17)
- Gill, MA Added 7-13-17. Source Gill becomes sanctuary city, by Miranda Davis, Recorder.com, 6-1-17.
- Newton, MA Added 3-18-17. Source: City measure makes Newton a sanctuary for immigrants, By Felicia Gans, Boston Globe, 2-22-17
- Northampton, MA (Added 6-20-12 Source: City of Northampton Resolution dated 8-18-2011. Resolution limits cooperation with ICE but does not use the term "sanctuary.")
- Orleans, MA (Added 6/13/07 Source: Congressional Research Service) Township disputes that it is a sanctuary.
- Somerville, MA (Added 7-23-12 Original resolution passed in 1987, later repealed and replaced with Safe City Resolution. Source: Somerville News Blog, 10-15-2007;10-8-14 DHS DDO Report))
- Springfield, MA (Disputed)
- Worcester, MA (Added: 2-5-17, Source: Mayor Petty blasts Councilor Gaffney's sanctuary city resolution, By Nick Kotsopoulos, Telegram & Gazette, 1-27-17)

Michigan

- Ann Arbor, MI (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)
- Detroit, MI (6/13/07 Congressional Research Service)
- Washtenaw Co. Added 8-22-18, Source County goes 'beyond sanctuary' with plan for tax-funded legal aid, By Leo Hohmann, Frontpage, 5-4-17
- Lansing, MI Added 4-19-17, Source: Lansing sanctuary city declaration still leaves questions, controversy, Michigan Live, 4-2-17; Lansing City Council rescinded its April 3rd Resolution on April 12, 2017, 10 days later according to a Breitbart article, Lansing, Michigan Will No Longer Declare Itself A 'Sanctuary City, 4-13-17.'

Minnesota

- Anoka Co., MN Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.)
- Austin, MN Added 11-1-11 Source: Protecting illegal immigrants to catch criminals, Star Tribune, 10-27-11)*
- Hennepin, MN Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Hennepin Co., MN Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Maplewood, MN Added 12-12-15, Source: Maplewood City Pages, 12-9-15
- Minneapolis, MN Congressional Research Service.
- Ramsey Co., MN Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- St. Paul, MN
- Worthington, MN Added 5-30-07 Note: This is where a Swift plant was raided by ICE in December, 2006. Worthington disputes its listing.

Nebraska

- Douglas Co., NE Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.)
- Hall Co., NE (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Lancaster Co., NE (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Omaha, NE (Added 2-18-16, Source: News)
- Sarpy Co., NE (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Nevada

- Clark Co., NV (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Washoe Co., NV (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Reno, NV (Added 5-31-07; 2-18-08 Disputed by city; OJJPAC has requested a copy of city policies. Copy of policies never received as of 1-28-12)

New Jersey

- Bloomfield, NJ (Added 3-7-17, Source: Bloomfield Welcomes Immigrants With 'Sanctuary-Style' Resolution, Patch, 3-1-17)
- Camden, NJ (Added in 2007. Latest source: *Camden, Immigrant Haven?*, By Lauren Feeney, *City Paper*, 7-16-08)
- East Orange, NJ Added 3-23-17, Source: East Orange Approves Sanctuary City Resolution, Voices of NY, 1-4-17
- Freehold, NJ (Added 11-5-15. Local resident; *Ground Zero For A Hot Topic*, 10-19-15, Asbury Park Press)
- * * (The Borough of Fort Lee removed pending review of its compliance with IIRIRA). The city disputes its listing as a sanctuary.)
- Maplewood, NJ Added 3-23-17, Source: Maplewood 1st N.J. Town To Offer Immigrants 'Sanctuary' In 2017, Maplewood Patch News, 1-20-17.
- Morristown, NJ Added 1-21-18, Source: Morristown council adopts 'fair and welcoming' resolution on Sept. 26, 2017. City provides municipal ID's to illegal aliens. See Morristown council adopts 'fair and welcoming' resolution, by Kathy Shwiff, New Jersey Hills.com, 9-28-17.
- Middlesex Co., NJ (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Hightstown, NJ (Added 5-30-07 The city disputes its listing as a sanctuary.)
- Hoboken, NJ Added 1-21-18, Source: Mayor signs Executive Order on 1-1-18 prohibiting inquiry on immigration status and working with ICE. See Hoboken Patch article, 1-2-18.
- Hopewell Borough, NJ (Added 3-18-17, Source: This small N.J. town voted to declare itself a 'sanctuary city', By Cristina Rojas, NJ.com, 2-9-17)
- Jersey City, NJ (Source Added: 3-5-17, 2-8-17 Jersey City passes sanctuary resolution, Blue Jersey News.)
- Leonia, NJ (Added 3-7-17, Source: Leonia adopts 'welcoming communities' resolution', The Record, 3-6-17)
- Newark, NJ (Added 6-3-07)
- North Bergen, NJ
- Ocean Co., NJ Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Plainfield, NJ Added 3-23-17, Source: Plainfield Approves Sanctuary Resolution, By Reporte Hispano, Voices of NY, 2-21-17.
- Red Bank, NJ Added 4-19-17, Source: Red Bank council passes pro-immigrant 'inclusive' resolution., app.com, 4-13-17.
- South Orange, NJ Added 2-18-17, Source: South Orange Declared Sanctuary City, By Jacob Romanowski, Essex County News, 2-14-17.
- Trenton, NJ
- Union City, NJ
- Union Co., NJ Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- West New York, NJ

New Hampshire

- Dublin, NH Added 3-26-17, Source: Harrisville, Dublin, Lyme vote to be 'sanctuaries' for illegal immigrants, 3-19-17.
- Harrisville, NH Added 3-26-17, Source: Harrisville, Dublin, Lyme vote to be 'sanctuaries' for illegal immigrants, 3-19-17.
- Lyme, NH Added 3-26-17, Source: Harrisville, Dublin, Lyme vote to be 'sanctuaries' for illegal immigrants, 3-19-17.

New Mexico

- Albuquerque, NM* 6/13/07 Congressional Research Service; 8-14-07 KOB-TV 4 Eyewitness News report. *[5-14-10 Mayor claims city no longer a sanctuary.]
- Aztec, NM Added 5-8-10, Identified by CRS in 2006 report to Congress. (The city disputes its listing. However it has not forwarded a copy of its policy.)
- Bernalillo, NM Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Bernalillo Co. NM Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report
- Dona Ana Co., NM Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report
- Lea Co., NM Added 8-1-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Declines but report identifies no policy.
- Luna Co., NM (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Otero Co., NM Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Rio Ariba Co., NM Added 6/13/07 Congressional Research Service; Also 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- San Miguel Co., NM Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Requires reimbursement of costs by ICE in honoring detainer.
- Santa Fe, NM Added 6/13/07 Congressional Research Service; 1-26-12 AP story, Santa Fe Mayor David Coss opposes taking drivers licenses away from illegal aliens.
- Santa Fe Co., NM (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Taos, NM (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Illegal alien must be convicted of at least one felony or two misdemeanors.)

New York

- Albany, NY Added 7-22-09 Sources: Council adopts don't ask policy, Times Union; Albany declares itself a sanctuary city, Mercury News, 4-19-17
- Bay Shore, NY
- Bethlehem, NY Added 3-23-17, Source: Town of Bethlehem passes Resolution to continue "sanctuary" practices, WNYT-TV 13, 2-9-17.

- Brentwood, NY
- Bronx Co., NY (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Central Islip, NY
- Farmingville, NY
- Franklin Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Hudson, NY Added 3-27-17, Source: Council OKs sanctuary city status, Hudson Register-Star, 3-21-17.
- Ithaca, NY (Added 2-2-17, Source: Ithica officially declared a sanctuary city, Central New York News, 2-1-17)
- Kings Co., NY Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Kingston, NY (Added 2-16-17, Source: Kingston Common Council passes "sanctuary" resolution on 1-11-17)
- Nassau Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- New York City, NY (Originally added in 2006; (Source added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Onondaga Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Queens Co., NY (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Rensselaer Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report) 2-27-17 Disputed by County. Under review.
- Richmond Co., NY (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Riverhead, NY
- Rochester, NY (Added 1-18-17, Source: City of Rochester Sanctuary City Resolution, 1-17-17)
- Saratoga Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- * *The hamlets of Shirly/Mastic were removed because they are unincorporated areas within Suffolk Co. (already listed).
- Spring Valley Village, NY (Added 7-25-07)
- St. Lawrence Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Suffolk Co., NY* *Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Sheriff has announced sanctuary policy is now rescinded, Breitbart.com, 12-27-16.
- Tompkins Co., NY Added 3-26-17, Source: Tompkins Co. approves resoluiton protecting immigrants, Ithaca.com, 2-22-17.
- Troy, NY Added 7-22-19, Source: Troy Sanctuary City resolution passes 4-3, by Michael Gwizdala, Troy Record, 7-12-19.
- Uniondale, NY
- Wayne Co., NY (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Westbury, NY

- **North Carolina**

- Ashville, NC Added 3-18-17, Source: Asheville a Clear Example of "Sanctuary city" in NC, NC Capitol Connection, 7-16-15.

- Buncombe County, NC Added 8-22-19, Source: Proposed Bill Takes Aim At Sanctuary City Sheriffs in North Carolina, The Tennessee Star, 3-26-19.

- Carrboro, NC Added 11-12-07 Source: *Towns differ on illegal aliens by Patrick Winn, The News & Observer*.

- Chapel Hill, NC Added 11-12-07 Source: *Towns differ on illegal aliens by Patrick Winn, The News & Observer*.

- Charlotte, NC
- Chatham Co., NC Added 1-14-09 Source: *Chatham rejects immigration program, The News & Observer; Chatham County Commissioners Board Minutes, 1-5--09*.
- Durham, NC Added 6/13/07 Sources: Congressional Research Service. Proposed Bill Takes Aim At Sanctuary City Sheriffs in North Carolina, The Tennessee Star, 3-26-19.
- Forsythe Co., NC Added 8-31-19, Source: ICE blames public arrests on sheriff's offices. Agency says 200 recent arrests in N.C. don't represent an increase, Winston-Salem Journal, 2-8-19.
- Mecklenburg County Added 8-22-19, Source: The Sheriff Who's Defying ICE, The Atlantic, 7-3-19.
- Raleigh
- Wake County Added 8-22-19, Source: Proposed Bill Takes Aim At Sanctuary City Sheriffs in North Carolina, The Tennessee Star, 3-26-19.
- Winston-Salem

North Dakota

- State of North Dakota (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. ND State Penitentiary will not honor ICE detainers)

- SWMCCC (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Ohio

- Beachwood, OH Added 3-26-17, Source: Councils focus on 'welcoming cities,' sanctuary cities, 2-9-17.

- Cincinnati, OH Added 2-2-17) Source: Mayor Mark Mallory supports immigration reform [amnesty], By Amanda Lee Myers, San Francisco Chronicle, 5-30-13.

- Cleveland, OH Added 11-30-16 Source: WKYC-TV-3, Tom Meyer interview,11-30-16; Cleveland passed a Sanctuary Resolution in 1987 (No. 777-87) Cleveland Scene, 2-6-17.

- Cleveland Hts., OH Added 3-23-17, Source: Cleveland Heights Declares Itself a "Welcoming City," Cleveland Heights Patch News, 2-8-17.

- Columbus, OH Added 7/5/07 Source: 5/10/07 Columbus Dispatch article stating illegal aliens in misdemeanor cases are not reported to ICE) See more below. Mayor Ginther signs executive order which is adopted by Columbus City Council, by Bob Price, Breitbart, 6-6-17.

- *Dayton, OH Added 1-11-10 Source: Dayton Daily News story by Lucas Sullivan. Police chief prohibits officers from asking about immigration status. * 2-16-17, The status of Dayton is being reviewed for removal from the sanctuary list after the Police Chief supposedly rescinded his "sanctuary" order, 2-2017.
- Granville, OH Added 4-19-17, Source: Granville Village Council passes "welcoming communities" resolution, NBC-TV 4, 2-15-17
- Lake Co., OH Added 7-23-15 Source: Lake County accepts fraudulent Mexican Matricula Counsular ID cards used by illegal aliens.
- Lima, OH Added 10-28-08 Source: City administration opposes County Sheriff's efforts to remove illegal aliens.
- Lorain, OH Added 4-21-14 Source: Lorain Police Chief Celestino Rivera's written policy of non-cooperation with ICE. See addl. notes below.
- Lucas Co., OH Added 7-23-15 Source: Lucas County accepts fraudulent Mexican Matricula Counsular ID cards used by illegal aliens.
- Oberlin, OH Added 1-25-09. Source: City Resolution adopted January 20, 2009.
- Painesville, OH Added 7-19-07 Source: In 2006, the city of Painesville in an official letter called illegal aliens (they used the word "undocumented" a valuable asset to the city and opposed immigration law enforcement legislation. I have a copy of that letter in my file. Although the city of Painesville passed a Resolution in support of immigration law enforcement as a result of public pressure, the city remains in opposition to aggressive immigration law enforcement and the deportation of the illegal alien population in the community. We will be looking into the past actions of the Painesville Municipal Court too, regarding its role in preventing the deportation of deportable aliens.
- Shaker Heights, OH Added 3-26-17. Source: Article claiming city passed a sanctuary policy. The administration contacted me via email claiming it is not a sanctuary for illegal aliens. My reply email requesting a copy of its policies towards illegal aliens has not received a reply as of 8-22-18.

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma City (de facto)
- Tulsa (6-3-07 Note: Tulsa city council is discussing changing its sanctuary policy. 8-15-10 Update: See note below.)

Oregon

- **The following Oregon counties will not honor ICE detainers without a court order or warrant:** Clackamas, Curry, Douglas, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jefferson, Josephine, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Marion, Tillamook, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Ashland, OR (8-9-07 Congressional Research Service)
- Baker Co., OR (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Beaverton, OR (Added 1-18-17, Source: Beaverton becomes sanctuary city, by Mandy Feder-Sawyer, Pamplin Media, 1-11-17)
- Clackamas Co., OR Added 8-2-16. Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; Clackamas Co. reaffirms support of diversity, hands-off immigration actions, by Peter Wong, Portland Tribune, 6-8-17.
- Clatsop Co., OR (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Coos Co., OR Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Corvallis, OR (Added 1-18-17, Source: Corvallis Declares Itself Sanctuary City, by Conrad Wilson, Oregon Public Broadcasting, 12-13-16)
- Forest Grove, OR (Added 3-5-17, Source: A sanctuary city by any other name, Portland Tribune, 2-14-17)
- Gaston, OR (8-9-07 Congressional Research Service)
- Hillsboro, OR Added 3-26-17, Source: Tie-Breaking mayor's vote makes Hillsboro a sanctuary, Oregon Local News, 3-8-17.
- Hood River, OR Added 3-23-17, Source: City moves ahead with 'Sanctuary' status, Hood River News, 1-10-17.
- Jackson Co., OR (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Lane Co., OR (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Lincoln Co., OR Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Marion Co., OR (8-9-07 Congressional Research Service; Also 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Multnomah Co., OR (Added 11-9-13 Source: Sheriff's office says 'no' to ICE, By Kirsten Lock, Fox TV-12, 4-25-13)
- Polk Co., OR Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Portland, OR
- Springfield, OR Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Salem, OR Added 4-5-17, Source: Big support for 'inclusive city' resolution at Salem council meeting, by Jonathan Bach, Statesman Journal, 2-27-17.
- Wilsonville City, OR Added 8-22-18, Source: Wilsonville City Council Approves Inclusivity Resolution, By Travis loose, Patch.com, 5-3-17
- Woodburn, OR Added 5-26-17. Woodburn City Council approves inclusive city resolution, By Julia Comnes, 5-24-17.
- **State of Oregon *** (8-9-07 Congressional Research Service) *(See note below)

Pennsylvania

- Allentown, PA (Rescinded) 7-23-12 Note: Allentown city council passed a sanctuary resolution in 1986 but voted 4-3 to rescind it in 1991.
- Bedford Co. PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Bradford Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR
- Bucks Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR

- Butler Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Chester Co., PA (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Clarion Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Delaware, PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Delaware Co., PA (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Erie Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Franklin Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Indiana, PA (Added 3-7-17, Source: Indiana Borough: Officials adopt 'welcoming' resolution, Indiana Gazette, 2-22-17)
- Lebanon Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Lehigh Co., PA (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Lycoming Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Montgomery, PA (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Montour Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Perry Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Philadelphia, PA* (7-15-10 Source: Policy Concerning Access of Immigrants to City Services ; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Philadelphia Co., PA (Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Pike Co., PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Pittsburgh, PA (Added 5-29-14 Source: Pittsburg Post Gazette: Pittsburg launches effort to woo more immigrants, 5-29-14)
- Port Arthur, PA (Added 3-18-17, Source: Mayor: PA a 'welcoming city,' not sanctuary city, The Beaumont Enterprise, 3-14-17)
- Westmoreland Co. PA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.

Rhode Island

- State of Rhode Island (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report. Dept. of Corrections won't honor detainers without a warrant.)
- Jamestown, RI (Added 3-13-17, Source: Town OK's sanctuary resolution, By Tim Riel, The Jamestown Press, 3-9-17)
- Providence, RI (Added 5-17-11 Source: Providence wants to opt out of 'Secure Communities' database, by Gregory Smith, Providence Journal, 2-23-11).

Texas

Note: Texas passed an anti-sanctuary bill in 2017 (SB 4) and is currently being litigated in the courts. Enforcement of the law has been limited and until there is full compliance by jurisdiction within Texas, the jurisdictions will remain on this sanctuary list.

- Austin, TX Added 2007, Sources: CRS report; 'Freedom city'? Going beyond 'sanctuary,' Austin, Texas, vows to curtail arrestss, By Jaweek Kaleem, LA Times, 6-19-18
- Baytown, TX (6-13-07 Local reader observation; 12-9-15 Note: The City of Baytown disputes it's listing as a sanctuary. Status is currently under review.)
- Brownsville, TX
- Channelview, TX (6-13-07 Local reader observation)
- Denton, TX
- Dallas, TX
- Dallas Co., TX Added 8-2-16, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; Dallas County passes resolution welcoming unauthorized immigrants, Dallas News, 2-7-17.
- El Cenizo, TX (6-13-07 Congressional Research Service)
- Ft. Worth, TX
- Houston, TX (Congressional Research Service)
- Katy, TX (Congressional Research Service)
- Laredo, TX (Entry added in 2007. Source added 7-25-15 Breitbart.com article by Brandon Darby, 7-6-15, regarding Laredo PD critical of officers calling Border Patrol.)
- Mcallen, TX
- Port Arthur, TX Added 6-13-07 Reader/resident observation.
- Rockwell, TX Added 8-22-18, Source: Victim family member testimony as to local enforcement policy.
- Travis Co., TX Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report; and Houston Chronicle article by Mike Ward, 1-23-17

Utah

- State of Utah (Added 5-15-11 Source: Utah Approves Guest Worker Program for Illegal Immigrants, ABC New, 5-7-11)
- Provo, UT* (* 8-27-2010 Provo Utah contacted OJJPAC and indicated that it has no desire to be a sanctuary city. *5-16-11Update: Pending removal of Provo, UT upon verification of city's full participation/cooperation with ICE.)
- Salt Lake City, UT

Vermont

- State of Vermont* Added 11-29-10 Source: 11-21-10 Vermont AG proposes bias-free policing policy, Burlington Free Press.
- Bennington, VT Added 3-7-17, Source: Vermont town back immigrants [illegal aliens] in Town Meeting Day vote, The Washington Times, 3-7-17.
- Burlington, VT Added 5-14-09 Source: 5-13-09 Associated Press story by Wilson Ring.
- Middlebury, VT Added 5-14-09 Source: 5-13-09 Associated Press story by Wilson Ring.
- Montpelier, VT Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.

Virginia

- Alexandria, VA* Added 10-6-08. Source: City Resolution No. 2246 adopted 10-9-07.
- Arlington, VA Added 11-3-15. Source: Arlington, VA opts out of federal immigration program, 9-28-2010; 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Arlington Co., VA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Chesterfield Co., VA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Fairfax County, VA
- Virginia Beach, VA (Added 6/3/07. Note: The city adopted an administrative directive on 8-1-08 allowing VBPD limited authority to inquire about immigration status. Based on this directive, the city disputes its sanctuary status. Despite the directive, the city has not provided statistical evidence of enforcement to date.)

Washington (State)

- **The following Washington counties do not honor ICE detainers:** Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Yakima. (Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)
- Bellingham, WA . Added 6-3-17. Source: No 'sanctuary' but Bellingham police won't enforce immigration laws, By Kie Relyea, Bellingham Herald, 2-14-17
- Burien, WA (Added 1-26-17 Source: City of Burien Ordinance No. 651)
- Edmonds, WA (Added 3-22-17, Source: Edmonds City Council approves Safe City Resolution, Edmonds News, 1-10-17)
- Kenmore, WA Added 4-5-17, Source: The difference between "sanctuary city" and "welcoming city" by Annie Andrews, Q13 Fox News, 2-23-17.
- King Co. Council, WA Added as a de facto sanctuary on 6-28-09 Source: The Seattle Times; and on 11-9-09 Ordinance passed;10-8-14 DHS DDO Report.
- Olympia, WA Added 2-5-17, Source: Olympia adopts 'sanctuary city' resolution in response to presidential election, By Andy Hobbs, The Olympian, 12-14-16.
- Pullman, WA Added 7-29-17. Source: Pullman City Council approves welcoming city resolution, by Tyler Watson, Daily Evergreen, 6-6-17.
- San Juan Co., WA Added 3-26-17 Source: 2-3-17 DHS DDOR.
- Seattle, WA (Added 5/30/07; Congressional Research Service)
- Spokane, WA (Added 6-22-15; City Council passed Ordinances C35164 and C-35167)

Wisconsin

- Madison, WI Congressional Research Service **Update:** In June, 2010, the city council passed a resolution reaffirming its policy.
- Milwaukee Co., WI Added 10-13-15, Source: 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report citing Resolution 12-135; Supervisors pass sanctuary resolution, Wrn.com, 2-2017
- Shorewood Village, WI Added 8-22-18, Source: Shorewood board votes for sanctuary village resolution, 6-13-17
- Milwaukee, WI Added 6-10-12 Source article: County Board Resolution on Immigration on target, Opinion, Journal Sentinel News., 6-9-12

Wyoming

- Jackson Hole, WY (10-19-15 Sheriff of Teton County disputes the county's sanctuary status. A status review of Jackson Hole is in progress.

Washington D.C.

- (The Washington D. C. city council has voted to prohibit its police department from participating in the Secure Communities program in July, 2010 according to an AP story by Ivan Moreno dated 7-26-10; 10-19-11 D.C. Examiner story which states that Mayor Vincent Gray signed an order prohibiting the city's police dept. from inquiring about a person's immigration status. Also included in the 10-8-14 DHS DDO Report)

Cities under review

Diamond Bar, CA (6/26/07 Disputed by city. Currently being researched to verify.)

Boulder, CO

Des Moines, IA (Added 11-28-07 Source: *Proposal seeks banning immigration raids in D.M.*, by Nigel Duara, Des Moines-Register)

Bridgeton, NJ (Added 6-3-07) [7-27-07 Disputed by a reputed farm worker advocate, see note below.]

Peekskill, NY [Disputed, being researched]

San Antonio, TX [Note: The Sanctuary status of San Antonio is disputed, being researched.]

Watch List Cities **Note: This is a new list started 8-14-07 and was updated on 8-13-2019.**

- Cerritos, CA (Source: Local resident, 1-31-17)
- Rialto, CA (Source: Rialto Councilman Rafael Trujillo sponsor's a Rialto Sanctuary City Committee Meeting, 12-30-16)
- Palm Beach, FL Source: OJJPAC on-going investigation, added 7-27-19
- Joliet, IL (Source: Resident alleges police have don't ask don't tell policy, courts ignore immigration status)
- Cedar Rapids, IA (Source: Article, Two Iowa cities considering adopting sanctuary policies for illegal aliens, by Dave Gibson, Examiner.com, 12-20-10)
- Lexington, KY (Source: 11-12-07 Submitted by local resident who claims it is a sanctuary city)
- Worcester, MASS (Source: 8-14-07 Worcester Telegram)
- Willmar, MN Added 1-21-18, Source: Willmar City Council considering "Welcoming" Resolution, West Central Tribune, 1-17-18.
- Silver Springs, MD (Source: 5-17-12 Local resident)
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- Lakewood, NJ (Source:9-10-08 Local residents)Middletown, OH (Source: 1-30-08 Middletown News-Journal)
- Springfield, OH (Source: 1-27-08 Springfield-News-Sun)
- Clark County, OH (Source: 1-27-08; 9-29-08 Springfield-News-Sun Editorial (Sheriff Kelly not interested in removing illegal aliens)
- Klamath Falls, OR Source: Kalmath Falls resident, 8-13-19
- Gallatin, TN (Source: 9-26-08 Reader)
- Shelbyville, TN (Source: News articles submitted by Shelbyville resident)
- Portland, TN (Source: 9-26-08 Reader)
- Hendersonville, TN (Source: 9-26-08 Reader)
- Whitehouse, TN (Source: 9-26-08 Reader)
- McKinney, TX (Source: 11-28-11 Star Local News article by Marthe Stinton)
- Kings County, WA (Source: 5-8-12 3 King County officials balk at ICE detainer program)
- Toledo, OH (Source: 7-12-15 Personal research by longtime immigration researcher)

Sanctuary Cities, USA: Additional Notes

Anchorage, AK

The Municipality of Anchorage sent OJJPAC a letter disputing the city's listing postmarked July 29, 2010. It claims that the Congressional Research Service's listing of the city as a "sanctuary" was based on a Resolution adopted by its Assembly (AR 2003-223) in 2003. The Municipal Attorney Dennis Wheeler says that that Resolution was rescinded on December 18, 2007.

Mesa, Arizona

Mesa Arizona has been added as a sanctuary city list because of its reported "don't ask don't tell policy" and criticism by the local sheriff that the city is not enforcing the law. The sheriff has arrested illegal aliens working in city buildings (as contract workers for a private cleaning company), reportedly after the city police department refused to investigate complaints of illegal hires by a whistleblower.

Austin, MN

Note: The newspaper incorrectly refers to illegal aliens as "illegal immigrants." Aliens who illegally reside in the U.S. are not "immigrants," a term that should only refer to aliens who legally "emigrated" to the United States.

Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia's Mayor signed an Executive Order in November 2009 that provided additional protections to illegal aliens in the city. However, the City of Philadelphia does have an existing Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System (PARS) agreement with ICE. Mayor Nutter objects to the PARS computer technology agreement which is now up for renewal. The Mayor apparently believes that the access of data by ICE will result in increased immigration violation investigations and deportations. Here is an article by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Tucson, Arizona

Tucson Arizona has been added to the sanctuary city list because the Tucson police have instituted a new policy which prevents their officers from calling Immigration and Customs Enforcement to schools and churches.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tulsa city councilor Jim Mautino was quoted in a Tulsa World article by P.J. Lassek, that he believes Tulsa is a sanctuary city and that the Police don't verify legal presence during traffic stops. Mautino wants to crack down on illegal aliens and introduce an ordinance mandating the use of E-Verify because the resolution that was passed cannot be enforced.

State of Oregon

According to a CRS report (October, 2005), Oregon passed a law in 1987 that prohibits local and state law enforcement from using state resources for locating and capturing illegal aliens. Law enforcement was permitted [but not required] to "exchange information" with federal immigration agents if an illegal alien was arrested for a crime.

San Bernardino, CA.

San Bernardino was added to the list on June 6th of 2007 as a result of a readers submission. On September 5th 2008, the city administration contacted me to dispute its listing. OJJPAC has asked the city's law department to forward copies of the city's policies regarding its processes when illegal aliens are encountered in its city.

Bridgeton, NJ 7-27-07 Disputed by a reputed farm worker advocate who sent me this email:

"I just wanted to point out an inaccuracy on your website's listing of sanctuary cities. You have Bridgeton, NJ listed as a sanctuary city, and indeed it is most definitely not. I work with CATA - The Farm workers' Support committee (www.cata-farmworkers.org) and we have an organized group of membership in this town. One of our goals is working towards making Bridgeton an sanctuary city, but the local government is quite unfriendly towards the immigrant population, and the mayor has even hinted at wanting to implement a Hazleton type of ordinance (luckily, given yesterday's legal decision, that won't be happening)."

Columbus, OH

The Columbus Dispatch [Ohio] wrote: "The police didn't contact immigration authorities concerning those who were determined to be undocumented, Booth said. Authorities say that's typical when it comes to misdemeanor charges."

2-20-14 Mayor Michael Coleman issues a travel ban for city employees because the State of Arizona passed immigration law enforcement bill SB 1070. 12-7-15 City support for Obama's unconstitutional DAPA and DACA exec. orders, Utahpolicy.com

Lorain, OH

"Thanks to Cel (Celestino Rivera, Lorain's Police Chief), we are less worried" [about the US Border Patrol]said one interviewee who has a family member who is deportable. Rivera does not report illegal aliens to immigration authorities. Source: Ohio, the Other Border, By Maribel Hastings, Senior Adviser, America's voice, 4-7-14.

Painesville, OH

Cleveland Scene (7-18-07) quotes the Painesville Police Chief Gary Smith:

***He [Police Chief Gary Smith] has no qualms about laying out his indifference in plain English: "We don't care what your [immigration] status is." ***

Oklahoma City, OK

One reader wrote about Oklahoma City:

Oklahoma City is a sanctuary city ***de facto***. Police officers have been told not to stop any Hispanic for minor traffic violations, because they have a good chance of being illegal and it is a waste of time. The City has not been enforcing City Code if the recipient of the code violation doesn't speak English. And is not attempting to enforce the single-family dwelling laws.

State of Maine

Governor John E. Baldacci issued executive order 13 FY 04/05 which was issued on April 9, 2004. The order is entitled "An Order Concerning Access to State Services by All Entitled Maine Residents." The order prohibits state workers from inquiring about the immigration status of anyone applying for services.

Alexandria, VA

Resolution No. 2246, adopted October 9, 2007 states in part: **"...the City and its various agencies will neither make inquirers about nor report on the citizenship of those who seek the protection of its laws or the use of its services."** Evidently in Alexandria, illegal alien are safe from Immigration and Customs Enforcement until they commit a "serious" crime. So what crimes can illegals commit with impunity from the federal government? Theft? Rape? Drug dealing? Gang activity? OJJPAC's belief is that the City's Resolution conflict's with its responsibility under federal law.

State of Vermont

Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell reportedly has asked police in Vermont to adopt a "don't ask, don't tell" approach to immigration status under the guise of "Bias-Free Policing." Police departments in Vermont will get a copy of the request but are not required to adopt the attorney general's policy.

Research Resources (incomplete listing)

- Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
- CRS Report for Congress, Enforcing Immigration Law: The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement, Updated August 14, 2006

Archived Sanctuary News Stories

U.S. Congressman Barletta to introduce bill to address illegal alien sanctuary cities in U.S.

Left to right: Former Hazelton, PA Mayor and now Congressman Louis J. Barletta and Steve Salvi, Founder of Ohio Jobs & Justice PAC. (OJJPAC file photo)

Congressman Louis J. Barletta has introduced legislation to punish local governments that have instituted so-called illegal alien sanctuary policies.

Congressman Barletta is the former mayor of Hazleton, PA, where he gained his first-hand knowledge of the numerous problems that illegal migration brings to local communities.

While Barletta welcomes legal immigrants, as mayor of Hazelton, he witnessed the problems local communities face when illegal aliens settle in a community, including the strain on community social services, the displacement of American workers, and increased crime.

Read story here.

Sanctuary News:

San Francisco ignoring ICE detainers; won't turn over illegal aliens

Read story here.

San Francisco's revised and extreme Sanctuary policy would shield Mexican illegal alien accused of double homicide

Mayor comes to his senses and has administration notify ICE about alleged killer

Read KCBS news radio story.

Oberlin City Council Passes Illegal Alien Sanctuary Resolution

Oberlin, OH -- The Oberlin city council met last Tuesday to vote on the third reading of the amended version of its illegal alien "don't ask don't tell" sanctuary resolution. The controversial resolution which was first discussed by city council in December, was in response to last year's Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid on a local Mexican restaurant in which several illegal alien fugitives were captured.

Despite concerns that the resolution was unconstitutional, violated the civil rights of the city's employees, and would provide a safe haven for criminal aliens, the resolution easily passed in a 6-1 vote. The majority of council sided with the proponents of the proposal who argued that the immigration system is broken and that the sanctuary resolution is necessary for good for the community. Opponents argued that the system would work if existing laws were enforced, and the city of Oberlin has no right to violate federal law nor the rights of all Ohioans based on its perceived notion of an unjust law.

Over the past three city council meeting, supporters and opponents of the measure continued to trade charges and submit conflicting testimony. Now that the resolution has passed, opponents which include Ohio Jobs & Justice PAC, are considering challenging the city's action in court on the grounds that the resolution may violate federal law. The mayor of nearby Kipton, Ohio, is also planning additional action. The mayor is considering the adoption of anti-sanctuary legislation in Kipton and encourage other public officials to adopt similar anti-sanctuary resolutions in their communities. Members of the Rally Team, an anti-illegal immigration group in Painesville, will meet in February to discuss its response. Several of its members traveled to Oberlin each week to testify to its opposition to the resolution.

"The City of Oberlin has foolishly chosen arbitrary governance over the rule of law. It may find it necessary to defend itself in two courts -- a court of law and of public opinion."

- Steve Salvi, OJJPAC.org

Oberlin City Council members

Oberlin City Council seemingly ignores the U.S. Constitution, the Civil Rights of its City employees -- to provide a safe haven for illegal aliens

Oberlin, OH--The Oberlin City council voted 6-1 in favor of passage a city Resolution that would codify Oberlin's now de facto sanctuary policy, in direct conflict with federal law. To the City Council's credit, members listened to an equal number of supporters and opponents to the Resolution. Despite significant testimony against the measure from local residents, the City's chief of police, OJJPAC, and members of the Grassroots Rally Team, the council voted to approve the measure on its 1st reading. **1-20-09 Update:** The resolution passed on its final reading. See updated story.

Steve Salvi, OJJPAC founder & members of the Grass Roots Rally Team and concerned citizens

The Shaw family promoting Jamal's Law, which would have changed law enforcement policy in Los Angeles County.

Shaw family files wrongful death lawsuit against Los Angeles County and Sheriff because of sanctuary policy

The parents of 17-year-old murder victim Jamel Shaw Jr. have filed a wrongful death lawsuit alleging that it was the county's illegal alien sanctuary policy which caused their son's murder in March, 2008.

The Shaw's claim that the county's sanctuary policy resulted in the sheriff's office negligently releasing Pedro Espinoza, a reported gang member and illegal alien one day before Espinoza allegedly shot Shaw, a Los Angeles High School student and football player. Read story here.

Jamal Shaw Jr.'s aunt meets with OJJPAC founder Steve Salvi to discuss her nephew's murder and Special Order 40.

From 9/11 Commission hearings:

COMMISSIONER JOHN LEHMAN:
"Were you aware that it was the US government established policy not to question or oppose the sanctuary policies of New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, San Diego for political reasons, which policy in those cities prohibited the local police from cooperating at all with federal immigration authorities?"

CONDOLEEZA RICE: ***"I do not believe I was aware of that."***

Can you say malfeasance? I think you can in Spring Valley, NY

Don't know what malfeasance in public office is? Read this article about a village mayor in Spring Valley, NY who appears to have ordered village employees to hire illegal aliens--which is contrary to federal law. Story here.

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