

Concord

A Welcoming Community

To determine whether the Town will vote to urge the Select Board to adopt the following formal policies and procedures relative to immigrants who work or live in Concord as well as those who come here to visit, or take any other action relative thereto. These policies are generally consistent with those adopted by the Concord Police Department.

Proposed Policies

1. No employee of Concord shall inquire about the immigration status of an individual, including a crime victim, a witness, or a person who calls or approaches the police, or any other member of the public with whom the employee has contact, unless necessary to investigate criminal activity by that individual.
2. No police officer of Concord shall arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person based solely on the belief that the person is not present legally in the United States or that the person has committed a civil immigration violation.
3. No police officer of Concord shall arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person based on an immigration detainer, federal administrative warrant, or any other such order or request in any form whatsoever, unless: 1) such detainer or warrant is accompanied by a judicial warrant; or 2) where: a) there is probable cause to believe that the individual has illegally re-entered the country after a previous removal; and b) the individual has been convicted at any time of a violent felony, terrorism-related offense, trafficking in individuals or drugs, or participation in a criminal organization using violence.
4. No police officer or employee of Concord shall respond to any ICE notification request by providing any federal agent or agency information about an individual's incarceration status, hearing information, length of detention, home address, or personal information, but may provide information regarding citizenship or immigration status.
5. No police officer or employee of Concord shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, nor shall any department of the Town of Concord use Town funds, resources, facilities, property, equipment or personnel to assist in the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws. Nothing in this section shall prevent an officer, employee or department from lawfully discharging duties in compliance with and in response to a lawfully issued judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or judicial detainer.

Concord has long held diversity as a community value. The Town, including its schools and police department, has long been committed to upholding and protecting the civil and human rights and the life, safety, and security, of all individuals, regardless of race, sex, sexual preference, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Consistent with this commitment, this proposed resolution, if adopted, will formalize, and extend, existing policies, thereby ensuring that all immigrants are able to fully participate in the civic and economic life of our Town. We believe this will lead to a safer community, a better educated citizenry, and improved quality life for all those who live, work, and visit our Town.

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