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A dark blue silhouette of the Sacramento skyline, including various buildings and the two towers of the Bay Bridge, set against a light blue background.

# Discussion on the City of Sacramento Sanctuary City Efforts

# Agenda

- The City of Sacramento's Sanctuary City Resolution Timeline
- Sacramento FUEL Network and City Funding
- The City of Sacramento's Joint Lawsuit Against Federal Administration Executive Order

# City of Sacramento Sanctuary City Resolution Timeline

Resolution 85-973

Resolution 2017-0158

# On December 17, 1985

- The City of Sacramento first declared itself a Sanctuary City, with council adopting **Resolution 85-973**.
  - In light of the political context of the time, acknowledged refugees from Guatemala and El Salvador as “political refugees”
  - Declared Sacramento as a "haven", offering humanitarian assistance to refugees

# Resolution 85-973

*“A resolution invoking the President and the Congress of the United States to recognize that the refugees from Guatemala and El Salvador, are “political refugees”: and to grant them asylum or extended voluntary departure status, as well as to **reaffirm the City of Sacramento's support for the principles of sanctuary** in the time-honored American tradition of humanitarian assistance.”*



***"the City of Sacramento be declared a sanctuary city and serves as a haven for refugees now residing in the City of Sacramento until they can safely return to their homeland, or until they receive federally recognized residency status"***

***"that no City employee or department shall request information about, or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of the citizenship or residency status of, any person unless such inquiry or investigation is authorized by State/Federal law, or City ordinance/regulation"***



# On May 4, 2017

- The City of Sacramento reaffirmed its status as a "City of Sanctuary" by adopting **Resolution 2017-0158**
- Resolution 2017-0158 repealed the City's formerly adopted Sanctuary City Resolution 85-973
- Clarifying the City's policy and procedures regarding federal immigration laws and enforcement

# Resolution 2017-0518

*“The City **respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment** for all its residents, regardless of immigrant status. Fostering a relationship of **trust, respect, and open communication** between the City employees and all residents is essential to the City's core mission of ensuring public health, safety, and welfare, and serving the needs of everyone in the community, including undocumented immigrants.”*





*“the City Council finds it necessary to clarify the communication and cooperation between the City and the federal government to prevent the federal government’s commandeering of local resources and City personnel... **the purpose of this Resolution is to establish the City’s policies and procedures on the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws.**”*



***“ No City official, employee or agent of the City, while in the course and scope of employment, shall use any City funds or resources to enforce federal civil immigration law.”***





## The Sacramento FUEL Network and City Funding



## Also on May 4, 2017...

- The City formally established a partnership with local organizations and health services to serve Sacramento's immigrant and refugee population
- The Sacramento Family Unity, Education, and Legal (FUEL) Network for Immigrants
- Council adopted **Resolution 2017-0519**, authorizing the appropriation of up to \$300,000 from the available fund balance in the General Fund in FY2017/18 for a grant to the FUEL Network.
- Since 2017, the City continues to fund the Sacramento FUEL Network

# On October 20, 2023

- From 2018 to 2025, FUEL was hosted by California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF).
- The City and CRLAF entered into **Grant Agreement No. 2023-1543**
  - Providing **\$500,000 in grant funding for FY 2022/23**, and an additional **\$500,000 for FY 2023/24**, totaling **\$1 million** in support to the FUEL Network under CRLAF



# The Sacramento FUEL Network

- Since April 2, 2025, FUEL has been hosted by **California Immigration Project**.
- FUEL is a coalition of **over 80** local nonprofits, religious organizations, law school immigration clinics, government partners, pro bono attorneys, educational institutions, and other community partners serving the **legal, information, and health** needs of Sacramento's immigrant and refugee population.



# The Sacramento FUEL Network

- Free services provided to FUEL partners
  - Trainings
  - Technical assistance
  - Materials
  - Resource and network coordination
- Free services provided by FUEL partners
  - "Know Your Rights" and other information presentations
  - Family Emergency Preparedness Assistance
  - Immigration legal services
  - Mental Health Services
  - Rapid Response Hotline

# 2024-2025 Funded FUEL Partners

- AfriPeace and Development Foundation
- CAIR – Council on American-Islamic Relations
- IRC – International Rescue Committee
- La Familia Counseling Center Inc.
- NorCal Resist
- Opening Doors Inc.
- Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
- World Relief Sacramento

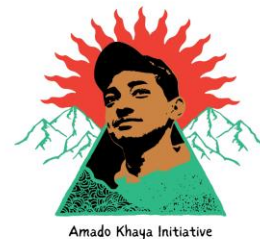




# Services Provided from July 2023 to June 2024

- Over **17,000** Sacramento City residents served through education and outreach, legal services, and mental health services
- Legal consultations: Over **200** Sacramento City residents
- Other immigration legal services: Over **900** Sacramento City residents
- Mental health services
  - Individual Therapy: Over **50** Sacramento City residents
  - Group Therapy: Over **400** Sacramento City residents
- Over a dozen community organizations attended service provider trainings:
  - How to Facilitate "Know Your Rights" Workshops
  - How to facilitate Family Emergency Preparedness Assistance
- Over 30 dockets covered by the Sacramento Immigration Court **Attorney of the Day** program

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all care holders...*



# The City of Sacramento Joint Lawsuit against Federal Administration Executive Order

# Thanks!

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