

RESOLUTION 2017-091
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ON A COMMUNITY TRUST INITIATIVE RESCINDING
RESOLUTION 2006-085 AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO
CREATE A COMMUNICATION EFFORT REGARDING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes the numerous contributions immigrants have made in making our community a vibrant, dynamic and innovative place for all; and

WHEREAS, fostering a safe environment where all immigrants are welcomed, accepted, and fully integrated into the social, civic, and economic fabric of Fort Collins is a priority for our City; and

WHEREAS, supporting our immigrant community aligns with the City's strategic objectives to promote a more inclusive and equitable community that embraces and celebrates diversity and to also maintain a welcoming, inclusive community where people feel connected; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to foster communication with immigration populations regarding their contributions and responsibilities and to also provide resources within the community and the City organization; and

WHEREAS, the Council has become aware of reports of non-citizen residents of Fort Collins being fearful to contact law enforcement to report crimes and are hesitating to come forward as victims and witnesses of crimes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest, and within the police power of the City of Fort Collins to promote the general safety and welfare of the community, and to encourage all residents to report crimes and come forward as victims and witnesses of crimes, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2006-085, which was adopted to comply with the since-repealed Colorado Revised Statutes Section §29-29-103, required City police officers to report the immigration status of certain arrestees to Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of community trust, the City Council wishes to repeal Resolution 2006-085 and allow Fort Collins Police Services to follow any internal policies, as changed from time to time, regarding police officer interaction with immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to direct the City Manager to establish a communication effort, which may include a task force to advise him, regarding how the City can effectively explain and inform the public about its policies and practices, and engage immigrant communities, to listen to them to understand their fears, as well as address their fears through education, outreach, services, programs and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution is intended to restrict City police officers from communicating, or otherwise exchanging, legitimate law enforcement information, or otherwise

abrogate any duty to cooperate, with federal, state or local entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. Resolution 2006-085 is hereby rescinded and repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to establish a communication effort, which may include a community task force that includes community stakeholders, to develop and implement no later than May 31, 2018, ways for the City to effectively explain and inform the public about its policies and practices, and engage immigrant communities, to listen to them to understand their fears, as well as address their fears through education, outreach, services, programs and partnerships.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk