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To the Somerville City Council:

We write in support of the “Welcoming Community” ordinance that has been proposed by The Welcome Project.

We want to ensure that our local police force avoids all voluntary or discretionary relationships with federal immigration enforcement. In particular, we believe that this ordinance provides the state-of-the-art mechanisms to increase public confidence in our city government and its relationship with federal immigration enforcement.

Above and beyond these particular mechanisms, we are heartened that this ordinance has been proposed by a front-line organization working with local immigrant communities. We believe that this will ensure that the language and intent of the ordinance is targeted to address most effectively the concerns that many of our immigrant sisters and brothers have about the alarming national context for the rights and safety of immigrants.

Sincerely,

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