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Subject: Letter of Support Chula Vista City Council
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Hello

Please find my letter of support for the Welcome America proclamation

Thanks

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To: Chula Vista City Council
Chula Vista Council Chambers
276 Fourth Ave, Chula Vista, CA

From: International Rescue Committee

RE: Support for the Welcoming America Resolution

Dear City Council Members:

My name is David Murphy, I am the Executive Director for the International Rescue Committee in San Diego. The IRC is a refugee resettlement agency. I am writing to express support of the resolution (Agenda Item 9 on the April 25th agenda) in support of affirming city policies regarding immigration enforcement, approving a program for better communication of city policies and services to the city's immigrant community, joining the "Welcoming America" network, and directing staff to track and provide the city council with opportunities to actively support or oppose laws to advance city interests and policies on immigration enforcement.

Due to the increased threats towards immigrants and refugees that we have heard at the national level, many of our community members have expressed fear for themselves and their families and friends. This fear has even prevented some community members from living their lives in a normal manner -- we have heard stories of parents not taking their children to school and individuals not leaving the house for fear of deportation. The resolution that the City Council is considering could not be more timely or more important. It will help reassure community members that they are welcome and valued residents of Chula Vista, regardless of where they come from or their immigration status.

Immigrants and refugees are part of our community's heart and soul, and have deep ties in our community. We applaud the City of Chula Vista for taking this step to acknowledge and protect all of its residents. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to all of our communities.

Sincerely,

David Murphy
Executive Director
International Rescue Committee, San Diego