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February 22, 2017

The Honorable Kevin de León  
Senate President pro Tempore  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 54 (de León) (California Values Act)

Dear Honorable Kevin de León:

The City of Sebastopol City Council writes in strong support of SB 54 (de León), which protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations, separate families, or divide Californians on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, or national or ethnic origins. SB 54, the California Values Act, upholds California's core values of equal treatment, community, family unity, and common humanity by ensuring that California's police departments, schools, hospitals, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life. Immigrants are part of California's heart and soul and have deep roots in its neighborhoods and communities. At this time of rising national division and scapegoating of immigrant communities, the California Values Act reaffirms the state's commitment to valuing and protecting its immigrant communities and sends a powerful message of inclusion across the nation.

California is familiar with the harmful effects of entangling local law enforcement agencies with immigration enforcement. Continuing to tangle state and local public safety resources with the business of deportations threatens the civil rights and safety of all who reside in California.

This bill is consistent with our City policies and its core values of upholding equal treatment, community, family unity, and common humanity by ensuring that California's police departments, schools, hospitals, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life.

The City of Sebastopol strongly supports passage of SB 54 to protect the safety and well-being of all Californians so long as law enforcement is still able to address individuals committing felonies that endanger the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Una Glass", written over a horizontal line.

Una Glass  
Mayor  
City of Sebastopol