

Dear Humboldt Community,

We the undersigned recognize the human rights of all persons in the United States and support the upholding of those rights including the right to seek asylum and the right to sanctuary and safety for migrants, both documented and undocumented.

We understand that the legal immigration process can be expensive and challenging for people fleeing violence or simply seeking a place to earn a decent living and support themselves and their families. Immigration should not be limited to people of ample financial means. Furthermore, characterizing people as criminals simply because they migrated to this country without being able to attain legal documents is harmful, dangerous, and wrong.

Humboldt County has a large and successful agricultural sector that provides healthy food to the entire region. A significant number of farm families have a great appreciation for the work ethic and skill sets many migrants bring with them to this country. We have a long history in this country of dependence upon the hard work of migrant labor to ensure our access to fresh produce, meat, and dairy products.

We believe the people doing these jobs, and many other important jobs, deserve respect, dignity, and fair working conditions. People who commit crimes, whether native-born or otherwise, are already subject to our laws. The attacks on people who are here to improve their own lives, and the communities they live and work in, are unacceptable. These are our neighbors and friends, our coworkers, and community members who help keep our economy running. They should not be treated as criminals for seeking a better life.

We hereby express our support and our insistence that our sanctuary law, which prohibits our law enforcement from assisting ICE when ICE unlawfully persecutes migrants who have committed no crimes, be upheld and recognized as essential to upholding human rights in Humboldt County.

Signed,