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**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)  
**Subject:** 1/21/25 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 20, File # 24-882  
**Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2025 7:10:02 PM

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AND CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL GATES

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Michele Burgess  
HB resident since 1961

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

**Meeting Date:** 1/21/2025

**Agenda Item No.** 20 (24-882)

**From:** [Russell Neal](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** Council meeting Jan 21 Item 20  
**Date:** Sunday, January 19, 2025 7:18:06 PM

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I support the resolution to designate Huntington Beach a non-sanctuary city. In general, law breaking should not be granted sanctuary by any government entity.

Given our negative population growth among the native born, a liberal legal immigration policy makes sense and the law can be appropriately liberalized. But toleration of illegal immigration in lieu of changing the law cannot be accepted. Lawlessness begets more lawlessness.

Persons who enter the country contrary to law are subject to arrest and deportation by federal authorities in accordance with law. Prioritizing deportations for those who have gone on to violate additional laws makes sense, but all are subject to deportation regardless.

This resolution rightly identifies how even passive resistance to federal law in this regard by non-cooperation may be a federal criminal offense. With a new administration which has indicated an intent to vigorously enforce immigration law, any other position puts the city and its officials at risk.

It has long been noted that a generous welfare system and open borders cannot coexist. 330 million Americans cannot take on the 3 billion of the world's poorest as dependents.

This city's fight against Sacramento is one of lawfulness against lawlessness in general. Whether the issue is homelessness, election integrity, mask mandates, subsidized housing mandates, parents rights or illegal immigration, you are standing for the rule of law against a malicious party in control of state government that wants to introduce the chaos of anarchy as a predicate for introducing the equally lawless "solution" of tyranny following the Cloward-Piven strategy. Everyone knows this. Stand strong!

Russ Neal  
Huntington Beach  
HBRA President

**From:** [Michele Burgess](#)  
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**Subject:** 1/21/25 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 20, File # 24-882 (TYPO CORRECTION)  
**Date:** Monday, January 20, 2025 11:01:11 AM

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*Over 8 BILLION people on earth (8.2 to be exact), not million.*

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**From:** [Deb Janus](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)  
**Subject:** Item 20. 24-882  
**Date:** Monday, January 20, 2025 11:35:48 AM

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I am a 46 year resident of Huntington Beach and I want to thank you Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro-Temp McKeon, and City Council Members for continually putting the safety and best interest of the citizens of Huntington Beach first!

I am in full support of Item 20. 24-882 Item Submitted by Mayor Pat Burns - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 declaring the City to be a non-sanctuary city for illegal immigrants for the prevention of crime. I encourage you all to vote to Adopt Resolution No. 2025-01.

Thank you and warm regards,

Deb Janus

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**From:** [Pat Goodman](#)  
**To:** [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#); [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** Pull Agenda Item # 20 - Make the City of HB a Non-sanctuary City  
**Date:** Monday, January 20, 2025 11:17:25 PM

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Mayor Burns, please pull Item # 20 on the January 21, 2025 agenda. This item, if approved, would make Huntington Beach a non-sanctuary city which pits the city against the State of California's sanctuary state law, AB 54. In addition, it is likely that the federal government will enact a law or executive order to require all local police agencies to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. The city has already entered into a lawsuit against the state on this matter. It would seem prudent to delay any action on this agenda item until after this closed session discussion and any moves by the federal government.

Your memo to support this item raises questions that need answers in order to support any city council actions on this topic. The best I feel that I can do is ask some questions:

1. What impact will this resolution have on the current level of safety in the city, and what are the advantages and disadvantages to police operations to be a non-sanctuary city?
2. The memorandum prepared by Mayor Burns cites national statistics. What is the source? What are the statistics for Huntington Beach?
3. What are the significant challenges the city faces related to people who are not here legally? How does this affect families and employers?
4. What statistics (not anecdotes) can you provide HB citizens of increases in crime?

Local police rely on good relations with people to carry out community policing policies and practices. If you vote for Agenda Item # 20 the city puts this method of policing in jeopardy, and you are putting our police in a very difficult position within the community they have taken an oath to protect.

If someone breaks the law consequences follow, including overstaying visas, not having the proper documents to remain in this country, and employers who hire undocumented workers. The existing laws need to be enforced and realistic reform needs to be enacted at the federal level.

Jailing and deporting undocumented immigrants break up families, causes immeasurable economic hardships to individuals, and employers. There has to be a more humane way to address immigration issues in this country that protect the dignity of the person, families, and the economy.

Please pull Agenda Item # 20 and wait to see what the federal government needs from local jurisdictions. Don't disrupt families and communities and don't put our police in the position of enforcing federal law on this matter.

*Pat Goodman*

*Huntington Beach, CA*

**From:** [Rae Lyon](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org)  
**Subject:** Sanctuary City  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:55:35 AM

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Please stop wasting my taxpayer money on this .There are more important items you need to be working on.

**From:** [Melanie Tioleco-Cheng](#)  
**To:** [supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org); [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 24-797 and 24-882  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 8:51:27 AM

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Dear City Council,

To say I was disappointed to see that you are declaring Huntington Beach a 'non-sanctuary city' would be shouting or whispering my words into the void. It seems like even with the previous council majority, any time a huge number of HB citizens would speak our words, we are ignored.

But I would be remiss in not saying anything: PLEASE STOP WITH THE POLITICAL THEATRICALS. There is no reason to declare HB as a non-sanctuary city.

Regarding the library committee, I'm glad you're recognizing the petition. Shouldn't it be put to a vote of the citizens, rather than decided upon by the four majority last vote? There are more than 16,000 HB citizens asking for it to be put on the ballot.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Tioleco-Cheng  
HB citizen for over 20 years



**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Non-Sanctuary Declaration  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 9:42:30 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Heiberg <slapshot\_11us@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 5:41 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Support for Non-Sanctuary Declaration

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Huntington Beach and I would like to share my support for declaring Huntington Beach a Non-Sanctuary city.

To me, this simply says that if someone is arrested for a crime, and they are in our country illegally, that Huntington Beach will not interfere with federal support in enforcing the law.

I also see so-called sanctuary cities falling into chaos and innocent Americans suffering unnecessarily as a result of failed federal immigration policies. I don't want to see Huntington Beach become a haven for crime. By declaring Huntington Beach a non-sanctuary city, it sends a message that illegal activity will not be tolerated here!

Please act in the best interest of Huntington Beach residence and support this declaration.

Thank you.

Chris H.  
562-833-9595

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
**Subject:** FW: "Mayor"s Statement"  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 9:44:54 AM

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**From:** Marta <marta@atopencounter.com>  
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**Subject:** "Mayor's Statement"

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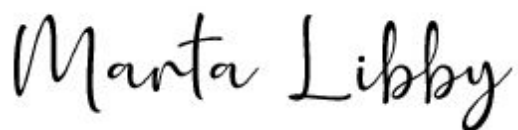
In reading the "Mayor's Statement" received in my email January 20, 2025, I'm requesting some clarification and expansion regarding the recent arrest of an illegal person in conjunction with one of the fires in Los Angeles area.

The statements says that "and that the suspect is being shielded in California by the Sanctuary State law from the federal law enforcement agencies". The U.S. Immigration and Customs website reports that " (Juan Manuel) Sierra was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department Jan. 10 on a felony probation violation. Officers with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations [placed an immigration detainer](#) on Sierra Jan. 12.

I clicked on the underlined immigration detainer mentioned above to educate myself as to what that entails. I interpret it to mean that ICE is most likely to take charge.

My question is: how does this make this state a "sanctuary" for him? Its sounds as if he is correctly being processed per Federal law.

Perhaps Mayor Burns, additional clarification should be provided in a responsible way when sending out an email blast intended to scare and enrage without a full explanation of an event.



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**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item 20, 24-882 Why waste taxpayer dollars on fighting sanctuary city rules  
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**From:** cornetto45@earthlink.net <cornetto45@earthlink.net>  
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**Subject:** Item 20, 24-882 Why waste taxpayer dollars on fighting sanctuary city rules

Dear City Council

The current city council claims to be business friendly, but their actions speak that they don't care about business.

Companies that operate withing Huntington Beach are being forced to support extreme political positions that draw attention in a negative way to Huntington Beach. They have to pay taxes that go into these bogus legal actions.

Many businesses don't want to be in a city that places extreme political issues over fixing potholes and balancing the city budget

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
**Subject:** FW: You can't handle the truth !  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 9:45:35 AM

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**From:** Joe and Erin Garcia <[erinjoe@pacbell.net](mailto:erinjoe@pacbell.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 20, 2025 3:41 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <[city.council@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:city.council@surfcity-hb.org)>  
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Response to Register newspaper article today

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Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, January 20, 2025, 10:16, Joe and Erin Garcia <[erinjoe@pacbell.net](mailto:erinjoe@pacbell.net)> wrote:

Re: Mayor wants clear answer article 1/20/2025

So Mayor Pat Burns wants the City of Huntington Beach to declare itself a "non sanctuary" City and just ignore the California Values Act ( SB 54).

This is the second Register article (1/8/2025), where NO PROOF that border crossings or undocumented immigrants increase crime in Huntington Beach or anywhere else for that matter.

How about listing some crime statistics or maybe a statement from the Huntington Beach Police Chief to verify these personal claims by the Mayor? Are you afraid of the truth?

Statistically, more US Citizens commit more crimes than immigrants.

This act by the City of Huntington Beach is just a page from the far right MAGA playbook and this article is just another example of one sided journalism from the Register Newspaper.

Shame to you both!

Joseph ( I only look illegal) Garcia

Yorba Linda, CA

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**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
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**From:** Rae Lyon <raelyon92651@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 8:06 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Sanctuary City

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Please stop wasting taxpayers dollars on this. There are more important issues then this Grandstanding. You were not elected for fighting and wasting money on a issue that believe it or not I am more worried about the release of the Jan 6th protesters that have been pardoned for the beating and destruction of Capitol Hill Police Officers. They already know they will be welcome here and probably will match with you in the Fourth of Parade. I am seventy years old third generation resident there is plenty of Seniors who vote for the Constitution and people who try to overturn it.

**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Tania](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item #20, 1-21-25 cc mtg, vote NO  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 9:48:28 AM

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**From:** Dan Jamieson <danjamieson4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 9:25 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Item #20, 1-21-25 cc mtg, vote NO

Jan. 21, 2024

Dear HB City Council:

I urge a NO vote on Councilmember Item #20 at the Jan. 21, 2025 council meeting, "Resolution No. 2025-01 declaring the City to be a non-sanctuary city for illegal immigrants for the prevention of crime." I do not believe this item is necessary, and unfairly connects undocumented immigrants to crime.

The item is critical of California SB 54, the 2017 California Values Act. My understanding is that SB 54 simply prohibits local law enforcement from working with federal immigration officers to round up undocumented immigrants. SB 54 did not significantly change the status quo of most local jurisdictions, which do not check immigration status or enforce immigration laws during traffic stops or crime investigations. This policy encourages undocumented residents to obey local police, traffic laws and report crimes--something which keeps all of us safe.

Resolution No. 2025-01 makes reference to the "2023 Crime in California" report from the Calif. Dept. of Justice, which documents some increase in certain crimes depending on time periods. But nowhere in this report is there mention of immigrants. In fact, studies show undocumented immigrants commit far fewer crimes than citizens. (See for e.g., <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/undocumented-immigrant-offending-rate-lower-us-born-citizen-rate>).

I don't believe HB residents want our local police chasing down illegal immigrants. That's not their job. That said, we all want our officers to comply with federal law, including working with federal authorities to detain immigrants who are arrested for crimes. Again, my understanding is that SB 54 does not prevent this cooperation.

The Resolution is not needed and tarnishes undocumented immigrants as criminals. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,



Dan Jamieson

Huntington Beach