

Sanctuary Spaces Background

Community Foundations are in a unique role in the field of philanthropy. Community Foundations are the only philanthropic institutions that can engage advocacy and lobbying (limited to no more than 10% of a community foundation's annual budget).

Several years ago, the RCF Board of Directors adopted a set of values and principles to guide our work. These include:

- **Sustainability:** Our service to the community is long-term and ongoing.
- **Leadership:** We are effective communicators who model by example and guide from challenges to resolutions.
- **Effectiveness:** We evaluate our success by tangible improvements.
- **Integrity:** We are steadfast in purpose, working transparently and promoting harmony.
- **Collaboration:** We believe partnerships strengthen our ability to create change.
- **Equity:** Creating opportunities for all community members to thrive.

In the current political environment, our funders, nonprofit partners, government partners and community leaders are coming to RCF for leadership on key issues. In order to effectively lead on issues and to live by our principles, the Richmond Community Foundation may wish at times to take a formal stand based on its values and guiding principles.

One such issue has been brought to RCF. The City of Richmond has declared itself a sanctuary city. Our funders and nonprofit partners are looking for leadership from us on this issue. RCF has been asked to work with nonprofits to help them become sanctuary spaces for their clients.

This is a time for RCF to show true leadership. In order to effectively serve our nonprofit partners, the President and CEO of RCF is asking the board to adopt a resolution declaring RCF's offices as a sanctuary space.

Declaring Richmond Community Foundation as a sanctuary space has symbolic meaning – its implementation is fairly straight-forward. Declaring the Richmond Community Foundation as a sanctuary space means that Richmond Community Foundation staff will only allow immigration officials into our offices if they have a signed court order from a judge naming an individual(s). As is our current policy all external inquires will be forwarded to the President & CEO.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-15-2017-1

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ITS OFFICES AS SANCTUARY SPACES

WHEREAS, the Richmond Community Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the "Foundation") will from time to time seek to take a formal stand on a community issue base upon its values and guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Community Foundation, has been asked by its community partners to provide leadership on the issues of sanctuary spaces; and,

WHEREAS, given that community foundations play the unique role of advocates within the framework of philanthropy;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

The Richmond Community Foundation has declared itself and its offices as sanctuary spaces.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the adoption hereof.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Richmond Community Foundation on _____, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Cynthia LeBlanc, Secretary