October 13, 2015

The Honorable Ivy R. Taylor
Mayor
City of San Antonio
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283

Dear Mayor Taylor:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation’s oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I write to bring to your attention a resolution which was passed at the 86th Annual LULAC National Convention and Exposition in support of sanctuary cites.

Over 13,000 people participated at this year’s convention. Throughout the week, our members participated in policy sessions, and discussed issues important to the community. On Saturday, July 11, 2015 over 600 credentialed LULAC members unanimously passed the resolution in support of sanctuary cities. In particular, the resolution calls for policies that ensure undocumented individuals receive the same treatment and justice as other individuals. Only through such equal treatment can a relationship of trust exist between the Latino community and local government.

Inflammatory and anti-immigrant rhetoric has become a staple talking point among certain presidential candidates which has resulted in thousands of Texans taking to the streets in protest. LULAC urges the City of San Antonio to join Austin, Dallas, and Houston, in becoming a sanctuary city. Such an action would send a clear message that San Antonio, Texas is a place that welcomes all people and rejects extreme views such as racial profiling.

Establishing a relationship of trust benefits all parties and will certainly serve to boost the economic well-being of the city. We look forward to hosting the 2017 LULAC National Convention and Exposition in San Antonio, Texas. The convention draws tens of thousands of participants and this issue will be a top priority for our delegates.

The full text of the resolution in support of sanctuary cities can be found at www.lulac.org/advocacy/resolutions/. For more information, or should you have any questions, please contact Luis Torres, LULAC National Director of Policy, by email at latorres@lulac.org or by phone at 202-833-6130.

Sincerely,

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LULAC National President