General statement of values for County staff:

The County of Santa Clara is committed to protecting the well-being and safety of all of its residents. With 37% of its population being foreign born, it is one of the most diverse places in the world and a Welcoming County since 2016. Unity, safety, due process, and inclusion are some of the County’s core values. The County stands with all residents, and especially with the most vulnerable communities, including undocumented individuals, non-citizens, and Muslim Americans. The Board of Supervisors has affirmed its support for the immigrant community and appreciation of immigrant contributions in many ways. “Santa Clara County, the home of Silicon Valley, is a welcoming community that embraces immigrants and we will resist any effort to divide us,” said Dave Cortese, President of the Board of Supervisors. “Immigrants contribute to the very fabric of our nation and we will not stand by while the Trump Administration seeks to impose un-American and illegal policies that undermine our values.”

Santa Clara County is investing in multiple resources such as immigration legal services, other programs for immigrant integration, and deportation defense. We want all members of our community to know that we encourage everyone to seek information and services without any fear because of their immigration status. County agencies are also doing what they can to protect clients’ personal data that they control, and the County encourages all residents to report fraud and crime without fear of negative consequences. The County is not doing the work of federal immigration enforcement agencies or collaborating with them. County staff that encounter residents with questions regarding immigrant rights and broader immigration issues can be directed to call 408-299-6414, or they may get more information from our Office of Immigrant Relations website www.sccoir.org.

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