

A Resolution in Support of Immigrant Communities and 4th Amendment Rights for All Orange County Residents

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has pursued equality and safety for all residents through the adoption of the Language Access Plan, the Racial Equity Action Plan, and the Carrboro Comprehensive Plan and more; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014, the Town Council approved a resolution declaring Carrboro to be a welcoming community for minors seeking refuge from violence in their home countries, and urging the federal government to ensure that those seeking safety in the United States receive due process and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the Town Council approved a resolution supporting the expansion of the Temporary Protected Status program and urged the Department of Homeland Security to renew the program for Nicaragua, and another on April 4, 2023 for Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2024, the Town Council approved a resolution supporting immigrant communities in Carrboro, committing to foster a welcoming environment for immigrants in the town and empowering Carrboro law enforcement to take steps to build trust in the immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, the Town Council voted unanimously to designate the Town of Carrboro as a 4th Amendment City, reinforcing the town's commitment to honor and uphold the 4th amendment rights of all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, on the weekend of November 15, 2025, US Customs and Border Protection agents launched numerous operations to detain, arrest and harass immigrant communities within a two hour radius of Charlotte, resulting in arrests of undocumented and US citizen residents, as well as heightened fear and distrust in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the threat of unconstitutional and discriminatory seizure of property and persons by Federal authorities is preventing immigrant households from safely engaging in public life, including pursuing education and employment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has a long history of supporting immigrant communities and creating a welcoming town to all, no matter their place of origin; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council unequivocally supports our immigrant communities and understands the vital role they play in the Town of Carrboro, the State of North Carolina and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carrboro Town Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the on-going discriminatory actions of US Customs and Border Protection and other federal agencies acting under the direction of the current federal administration in North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council re-affirms the town's status as a 4th Amendment Town, and urges all local business, schools, healthcare facilities and other town institutions, as well as the governments of peer municipalities and Boards of Education in Orange County and the County Government of Orange County, to review their 4th Amendment policies and/or create policies and goals in service of protecting our immigrant communities. And finally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Town of Carrboro is instructed to deliver copies of this resolution to the governing bodies of the other municipalities and Boards of Education in Orange County, and to the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager of Orange County, NC.