



Sanctuary City Vancouver

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Re: Endorsement of Sanctuary City Principles

Dear Omar and Isabel,

I am pleased to write to you on behalf of Food Stash Foundation to endorse the [Sanctuary City Principles](#). At Food Stash Foundation we rescue good, surplus food and redistribute it to the community in a dignified way. We never ask for information regarding the migration status of those we serve and are committed to the principles below:

1) Access to basic and essential services will be determined by need and not migration status.

Services such as education, health services, food security, dignified housing, public transit, public safety, legal aid, and municipal services are meant for everyone regardless of status. This means:

- We do not ask for ID, proof of citizenship or information regarding immigration status when people are accessing our services, and
- We apply human and labour rights equally to all people regardless of migration status, and value people based upon their humanity.

2) Access without fear. *The fear of debt, deportation, and/or death should not limit people's access to services. We recognize that the responsibility of enforcing immigration law falls onto Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) alone, and is NOT the responsibility of service providers, health care workers, other police agencies, transit security nor the municipal government.*

- We will treat all information regarding other people's immigration status as strictly confidential, and never share it with CBSA or IRCC.
- We will create and ensure CBSA-free zones, where CBSA are not called, welcomed, or allowed entry into our spaces.

We will be sure to mention our support of these principles on our website. Thank you for including us in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carla Pellegrini".

Carla Pellegrini

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