

RESOLUTION 1180

RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, that State College Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 1176, condemning Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, sexism and homophobia, in rhetoric or action, restating the Borough's commitment to serving all people and committing to supporting, promoting and standing up for the values of inclusion, equity and justice; and,

WHEREAS, the State College Council remains committed to the principles of non-discrimination as stated in Resolution No. 1176, including equal protection under the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of State College will continue to welcome all persons, students and community members regardless of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, military service, nationality, national origin or citizenship status, and support policies that do the same; and,

WHEREAS, all people present in the Borough of State College are members of the State College community and will be treated fairly and equitably; and,

WHEREAS, the State College Council believes that it is important to expand on the principles expressed in Resolution No. 1176, Commitment to Equity and Inclusion, to expressly address the State College Council's position on immigration enforcement in the State College Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State College Council that it believes that enforcing immigration law is a federal responsibility and it is not the responsibility of local officials to enforce immigration law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State College Council believes that entangling local officials in enforcing immigration law undermines the State College Council's commitment to non-discrimination, public safety and the equal provision of local services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State College Council opposes any immigration policies at the local, state and federal level that seek to register or track individuals based on religion, ethnicity, national origin, nationality, or citizenship as a law enforcement tool as undermining the State College Council's commitment to non-discrimination and are counterproductive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State College Council will partner with Penn State Law's Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic on forums and teach-ins aimed at educating members of our community about immigration law, policy and rights, and to ensure that our

community has access to accurate information and legal resources for community members with questions concerning their immigration status.

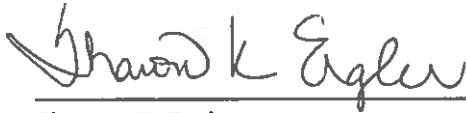
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State College Council will not voluntarily assist in any efforts by the federal government to apprehend, detain or deport community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State College Council supports the practice of State College Police Department that officers will not ask victims or witnesses about immigration status. To the extent the Borough obtains such information the Borough will not disclose the information to any other agency without the consent of the affected member, except as may be required by law.

RESOLVED this 9th day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE



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