



# CITY of BREVARD

The mission of the City of Brevard is to promote a high quality of life, support economic prosperity, and cultivate community while honoring its heritage and culture.

## A Statement Approved by the Brevard Mayor and City Council at their February 3, 2025, Meeting

At the base of the Statue of Liberty, a verse from our national hymnal welcomes immigrants through America's golden door. It expresses a value that has long made America great—and one that we believe must continue.

While local governments throughout the nation navigate the changing legal landscape, we, the Mayor and City Council of Brevard, reaffirm our belief in the value of immigrants in our community and the contributions immigrants have made to Brevard's community fabric. We are aware of recent changes in immigration policy and enforcement, and we sympathize with the anxiety and concern some of our neighbors are feeling.


The Brevard Police Department is committed to protecting and serving *all* community members. Our enforcement actions are based on acts and not on status; it is not our policy to ask about immigration status.


BPD's officers do not have training in immigration-related law enforcement, nor does such enforcement fall within the authority granted to us by the State of North Carolina. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the US Border Patrol, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the enforcement branches of the state government comprise the agencies that handle all immigration-related offenses, be they civil or criminal.

When BPD takes enforcement action, its only concerns are the maintenance of public safety and adherence to the principles of constitutional policing. When BPD takes individuals into custody for criminal acts, it does not know their immigration status, nor is immigration status relevant to BPD's investigations. BPD does not make arrests on the basis of an individual's immigration status, and it does not base its arrest or enforcement decisions on immigration status.

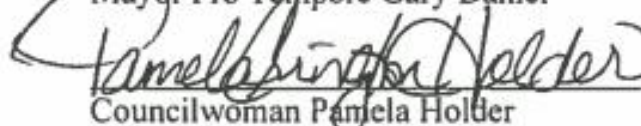
The City of Brevard wants to make it clear that we are here to support everyone. No one in our community should be afraid to reach out to City elected officials, staff, or law enforcement officers when they need assistance. We will do whatever is within our power to help.

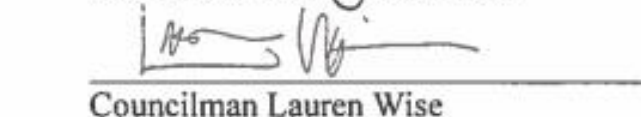
  
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