

**Ohio Federation of Teachers Human Rights Committee
2018 Convention Resolutions**

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| Darrell Lausche - CHAIR | Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795 |
| Mona Al-Hayani | Toledo Federation of Teachers Retired - Local 250-R |
| David Beaverson | Owens Support Staff Union, Local 6325 |
| Kimer Cave | Berea Federation of Teachers, Local 1699 |
| Angela Couch | Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520 |
| Shirley Easley | Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520 |
| Dorothy Fair | Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279 |
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| Alexa Fulmer | Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520 |
| Chandra Gardner | Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520 |
| Miranda Good | Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080 |
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| Jenny Shiplett | New Lexington Education Association, Local 4186 |
| Shannon Washburn | Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080 |

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OHIO SANCTUARY CITIES

WHEREAS, Ohio has long considered itself a state of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Ohio prohibits discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or other protected characteristics; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly essential to the mission of Ohio’s emergency services departments that victims report crimes or injuries, cooperate fully in investigations, and summon help when needed; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of federal immigration law is the prerogative of federal enforcement agencies, not local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the threat of deportation or prosecution for no reason other than immigration status may discourage residents without legal immigration status or who have family members or friends without legal immigration status from reporting crimes or injuries, cooperating in investigations, seeking opportunities for their children living in our communities, or summoning help when needed; and

WHEREAS, federal law does not require local law enforcement or other local service providers to inquire into an individual’s immigration status or to respond to federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests so the principles of Sanctuary Cities are not inconsistent with federal law; and

49 WHEREAS, these practices are generally considered to be “Sanctuary City” policies; and
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51 WHEREAS, President Trump’s executive order that attempted to cut off federal funds for
52 Sanctuary Cities was permanently blocked by Federal District Judge William Orrick because the
53 order is unconstitutional and violates principles of federalism and separation of powers; therefore,
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55 BE IT RESOLVED, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) expresses a desire for Ohio to be a
56 welcoming and inclusive state for all immigrants to live, work, or visit by declaring cities,
57 counties, and townships as sanctuaries; and
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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the OFT supports a welcoming and inclusive environment in Ohio by
60 advocating for changes in state law that will allow undocumented immigrants opportunities to
61 obtain identification, such as state identification cards, and driver’s licenses; and
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT supports the practice of refusing that city or state
64 resources may be used to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law or to gather or
65 disseminate information regarding the immigration status of individuals; and
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67 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the OFT encourages all schools and other institutions to build a
68 climate of trust and support for our immigrant community.