



## **Potential Immigrant Friendly Organizing Handles**

### **Statutory – Changing Local Laws to Protect Immigrants**

- Sanctuary Ordinance – Seeks to protect immigrants and their families by establishing checks on the ability of law enforcement and local government agencies to verify the legal status of individuals. These ordinances often include statements on the benefits of immigrants to the community and the rights of immigrants.

### **Proclamation – Officials Statements Concerning the Treatment of Immigrants**

- Sanctuary Statement – Non-binding proclamations that a city is a safe-haven for immigrants. While these ordinances suggest that immigrants are safe from persecution and threats in the city, they make no official change to law enforcement or government functions.
- Welcoming Proclamation - States that a town openly welcomes and supports the growth of immigrant communities in their region. Again, these towns are non-binding and do not prescribe particular governmental actions.

### **Non-binding – Resolutions that Support Immigrant Friendly Efforts**

- Support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform – General statement in support of just migration legislation and the need for federal reform. Some ordinances of this type give specific suggestions for border security, or paths to resident status for citizenship, but they do not refer to a specific legislative proposal.
- Statement Regarding Specific Piece of Federal Legislation - Declares support for or rejection of specific federal legislation. There was a rash of these earlier in 2006 in light of various bills in the House and Senate.

[http://www.cirnaw.org/content/en/proimmigrant\\_resolutions.htm](http://www.cirnaw.org/content/en/proimmigrant_resolutions.htm) will provide you with a listing of some examples of pro-immigrant resolutions. **Boston**, **El Paso** and the **San Francisco** Minuteman Resolution are of particular interest.