

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TEMPLE SINAI  
AFFIRMING CONGREGATIONAL SOLIDARITY  
WITH UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS**

**WHEREAS** the congregants of Temple Sinai are deeply concerned by the president-elect Donald Trump's threats of mass deportations of undocumented immigrants and the separation of families;

**AND WHEREAS** the Torah teaches us that we cannot subvert the rights of the non-citizens among us because we ourselves know the pain and fear of being outsiders;

**AND WHEREAS** we have seen that calls for mass deportation of those who have sought shelter and protection in our country have heightened the occurrence of hate crimes and hate speech against immigrants;

**AND WHEREAS** such calls have left immigrant communities feeling attacked and dispossessed by a country that they have helped to build and sustain, and created such fear in their children that many cling to their parents or cry in class;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of this congregation, which represents a membership of over 2000 congregants, stands with our immigrant neighbors, and that we will explore becoming a Sanctuary congregation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we stand in support of rapid bipartisan Congressional enactment of legislation that will create a path to legal residency or citizenship for undocumented immigrants now within our nation, and that we will support efforts to broaden sanctuary status including but not limited to establishing California as a Sanctuary state;

**AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that we join with affected immigrants currently living in uncertainty and fear and stand with them in opposing policy proposals that lead to the subversion of due process and the expansion of racial profiling, that we will support their leaders in the struggle against such efforts, that we will accompany families and individuals as they resist unlawful deportation and discriminatory laws, and that this Congregation authorizes its clergy and congregant committees to take necessary and appropriate actions consistent with this Resolution.