

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-2011**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AFFIRMING THE KEEP WASHINGTON WORKING ACT GROUNDED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE "CHARTER FOR COMPASSION"**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park is dedicated to fostering a safe and thriving community for all residents, upholding the principles of law, justice, dignity, and respect for all within the City, and providing City services in a fiscally responsible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2017, the Lake Forest Park City Council approved Resolution 1606, declaring Lake Forest Park to be a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Forest Park recognizes and upholds the rights of individuals to be treated fairly and to live their lives with dignity and respect and free from discrimination or targeting because of their immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, faith, race, national origin, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keep Washington Working Act (KWWA), adopted by the Washington State Legislature in 2019 as the Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5497, establishes statewide policies to ensure public safety and protect the rights and dignity of Washington's immigrant and refugee communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the KWWA prohibits the use of state and local resources for immigration enforcement, thus fostering trust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement and reducing fear of reporting crimes or accessing services; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ferguson signed Executive Order 25-04, "Protecting Immigrant Families and Responding to Family Separation," and created a Family Separation Rapid Response Team as part of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to "explore recommended policies and actions for mitigating---to the extent possible---the harm, trauma, and other lasting effects on children who experience family separation through the deportation or detention of their parents or primary caregivers"; and

**WHEREAS**, if implemented, mass deportation policies will significantly harm children with parents of varying immigration status, many of whom are children who are American citizens and enjoy the rights and privileges afforded to full citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the inherent worth and equal rights of all people, and is committed to ensuring that Lake Forest Park remains a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for all who live, work, and visit here; and

**WHEREAS**, the City strongly condemns any act of harassment, bullying, intimidation, violence, or other acts of hate that are based on immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, faith, race, national origin, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will continue to work, in cooperation with our community partners, to ensure our services and programs are accessible and open to all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, as leaders in the community, we have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of discrimination, harassment, or hate against any of our residents, and we choose to be a leader in protecting the human rights, equity, public safety, dignity, and social well-being of all individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council reaffirms that Lake Forest Park is a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community that serves its residents regardless of immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, faith, race, national origin, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status.

Section 2. The City Council is committed to continuing our work to reach out to and connect with all members of our community to ensure that our programs are accessible and open to all individuals and continue to uplift the voices and contributions of all individuals and communities.

Section 3. The City Council reaffirms its commitment to the Keep Washington Working Act, including the directive that:

Lake Forest Park Police Department personnel shall not inquire into immigration status during interactions with residents or assist in civil immigration enforcement activities.

Section 4. The City of Lake Forest Park supports immigrant and refugee communities and will work proactively to build trust and reduce fear among immigrant and refugee communities, ensuring that all residents feel safe accessing city services and protections.

Section 5. The City Council encourages residents to seek accurate information regarding their civil rights, including the right to resist warrantless searches and seizures of their person or property.

Section 6. The City Council encourages employers to educate their employees to foster an environment where customers and employees alike may frequent their businesses or places of work without intimidation or fear.

Section 7. The City of Lake Forest Park stands in solidarity with all immigrant and refugee residents and commits to fostering a safe, welcoming, and equitable community for all who call Lake Forest Park home.

Section 8. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

**PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE** of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Thomas French  
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Matt McLean  
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:  
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