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Dear Mayor Arreguin:

I am very concerned by attacks on immigrants. The current federal administration is tearing apart our society in a number of ways, with the street battles here in Berkeley and the kleptocratic Republican agenda being clear examples. The scapegoating and deportation of immigrants, however, is by far the most destructive work of this corrupt administration. Besides being vicious and immoral these policies damage neighborhoods, the economy and trust for officials and especially police. California is a large state which is particularly badly affected by these deportations. The sanctuary city status of Berkeley shows good leadership since the most effective tool so far has been the cooperation of local police. I am pleased to also see California pushing back.

Thank you for your support for SB 54 and Berkeley's sanctuary status.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our responsible progressive policies.

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson