

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



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Via U.S. Mail

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Webmaster
Sanctuary Cities
<http://www.sanctuarycities.info>

Re: Sanctuary Cities

Please be advised:

The Municipality of Anchorage should not be listed as a sanctuary city. Websites and other data sources that your entity may control have Anchorage, Alaska listed as a sanctuary city, based on the 2006 Congressional Research Service Report.¹ I am writing to inform you that the CRS Report is now out of date and incorrect.

The CRS Report is based primarily, if not solely, on a single Resolution adopted by the Municipality of Anchorage. In 2003, the Anchorage Assembly passed AR 2003-223, a resolution relating to the USA PATRIOT Act. The purpose of this resolution was not to provide sanctuary to illegal aliens, but to refuse the use of municipal resources to enforce federal laws that, in the opinion of the Anchorage Assembly, were in violation of the US Constitution. The Anchorage Assembly rescinded AR 2003-223 on December 18, 2007. Official minutes of the meeting and action taken are available from our Municipal Clerk's Office upon request. With the rescission, there is no longer a basis for categorizing Anchorage as a sanctuary city.

I respectfully request that your organization immediately remove Anchorage from your list of sanctuary cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Wheeler".

Dennis A. Wheeler
Municipal Attorney

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¹ Including: <http://www.ojjpac.org/sanctuary.asp>,
<http://www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/LocalLaw/locallaw-limiting-tbl-2008-12-03.pdf>, and
<http://www.sanctuarycities.info>