



March 30, 2017

Dear Chair Diane Deans,

The purpose of this letter is to provide input for your discussion of Ottawa as a Sanctuary City at the Community and Protective Services Committee meeting on March 30th.

At our General Meeting of FCA on March 15, Daniel Daoust and Archana Rampure with <https://ottawasanctuarycity.ca/> presented arguments in support of identifying Ottawa as Sanctuary City.

Our members followed up with a great deal of discussion both supporting and indicating some caution due to time constraints and limited consultation with our Community Associations.

The following motion was passed by our members:

“Be it resolved that the Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa (FCA) support declaring Ottawa a Sanctuary City i.e., a city where city-funded agencies, boards and services ensure that city services are available to anyone regardless of their immigration status, and that they may access these services without fear of discrimination, detention or deportation and that community associations in Ottawa be encouraged to adopt this resolution and inform their City Councillor.”

We trust that this information will be helpful for your meeting.

Yours truly,

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