

### Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Petition Signatures (187 individual signers)

Jess	Hogan	Kansaa city
Angela	Martellaro	Kansas City
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Marcus	Winn	Kansas City
Peter	Young	Kansas City
Sarah	Petersen	Kansas City
Scott	Olinger	Kansas City
Scott	Koppel	Kansas City
Heather	Santaniello	Kansas City
Mary	Shortino	Kansas City
Carol	Amiri	Leawood
Forrest	Dickinson	Mission
Hope	Thompson	Mission
Jana	Joy	Mission
	Burrow-	
Jon	Branine	Mission
Melanie	West	Mission
Shanta	Dickerson	Mission
Anne	Pritchett	Overland Park
Brian	Koon	Overland Park
Morgan	Kilgore	Overland Park
Sara	Staggs	Overland Park
Lindsey	Mayfield	Overland Park
Carolina	Uribe	Prairie Village
(John) Doug	Repp	Roeland Park
Aaron	Blackburn	Roeland Park
Abbey	Kobylinski	Roeland Park
Adam	Keda	Roeland Park
Adison	Banks	Roeland Park
Alexandra	Smith	Roeland Park
Amanda	Owen	Roeland Park
	Britton-	
Amanda	Carpenter	Roeland Park
Amie	Logan	Roeland Park

Amy	McCue	Roeland Park
Andrea	Klingner	Roeland Park
Andrew	Schiller	Roeland Park
Andrew	Stuart	Roeland Park
Angela	Fitzpatrick	Roeland Park
Anna	Thiele	Roeland Park
Anne	Bloos	Roeland Park
Anthony	Baldassarre	Roeland Park
Anthony	Thompson	Roeland Park
Ben	Silk	Roeland Park
Beth	McDaniel	Roeland park
Brett	Jackson	Roeland Park
Bridget	Dennis	Roeland Park
Brittany	Cloud	Roeland Park
Carla	Abbott	Roeland Park
Carol	Fields	Roeland Park
Casey	Jackson	Roeland Park
Chandra	Ramey	Roeland Park
Chris	Wasinger	Roeland Park
Chris	Carpenter	Roeland Park
Christie	Smerchek	Roeland Park
Christina	Magnifico	Roeland Park
Colleen	Wells	Roeland Park
crystal	burgess	Roeland Park
Dan	Gabbert	Roeland Park
David	Welch	Roeland Park
David	Gross	Roeland Park
David	Smith	Roeland Park
Deborah	Herzog	Roeland Park
Diane	Kennedy	Roeland Park
Dominic	Serrano	Roeland Park
Dona	Fisher	Roeland Park
Dorothy	Reffitt	Roeland Park
Douglas	Taylor	Roeland Park
Eric	Vidoni	Roeland Park
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Erin	Cole	Roeland Park
Gloria	Moreno	Roeland Park
Grace	Suh	Roeland Park
Graham	Lester	Roeland Park

Haley	Box	Roeland Park
Hannah	Montgomery	Roeland Park
Heather	Nevarez	Roeland Park
Hilary	Sorio	Roeland Park
Hilary	Ubert	Roeland Park
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Jaime	Puchalt	Roeland Park
Jason	Liggins	Roeland Park
Jean	Ternus	Roeland Park
Jeff	Whitehead	Roeland Park
Jess	Bodelson	Roeland Park
Jessica	Schmitt	Roeland Park
John	Hartung	Roeland Park
John	Haug	Roeland Park
John	Fischer	Roeland Park
Joshua	Thiele	Roeland Park
Judy	Ball	Roeland Park
Julie	Major	Roeland Park
Karen	Grotewohl	Roeland Park
Karen	Wulfschle	Roeland Park
Karen	Schwark	Roeland Park
Kate	McLaury	Roeland Park
	Connaghan-	
Kathleen	Gross	Roeland Park
Kathryn	McGinniss	Roeland Park
Kellie	Gillespie	Roeland Park
Kristi	Meyer	Roeland Park
Kristy	Reynolds	Roeland Park
Larry	Roederer	Roeland Park
Laurel	Perkins	Roeland Park
Leah	Carlson	Roeland Park
Linda	Mordan	Roeland Park
Lindsay	St Germain	Roeland Park
Logan	Smith	Roeland Park
Mariana	Proenßa	Roeland Park
Marty	Spencer	Roeland Park
Marvin	Grilliot	Roeland Park
Mary	Peebles	Roeland Park
Mary	Bracken	Roeland Park
Mary Beth	LeCluyse	Roeland Park

Matt	Schaich	Roeland Park
Matthew	Carlson	Roeland Park
Matthew	Gratton	Roeland Park
Maureen	Ubert	Roeland Park
Megan	England	Roeland Park
Michael	Rebne	Roeland Park
Miel	Herrera	Roeland Park
Mitchell	Cloud	Roeland Park
Nancy	Pauls	Roeland Park
Nathan	Garcia	Roeland Park
Nicholas	Border	Roeland Park
Nichole	Shippee	Roeland Park
Patrick	Selley	Roeland Park
Peter	Gasser	Roeland Park
Rachael	Guenther	Roeland Park
Rachel	Abott	Roeland Park
rebekah	stigers	Roeland Park
Richard	Ubert	Roeland Park
Sara	Coe	Roeland Park
Sarah	Martin	Roeland Park
Scott	McCroskey	Roeland Park
Scott	Gregory	Roeland Park
Sharon	Obenland	Roeland Park
Steve	Daley	Roeland Park
Stevie	Davis	Roeland Park
Suzanne	Dawkins	Roeland Park
Teresa	Murphy	Roeland Park
Thomas	Phillips	Roeland Park
Tiffany	Garcia	Roeland Park
Timothy	Post	Roeland Park
Tinne	Fearn	Roeland Park
tricia	french	Roeland Park
Trudy	Nepstad	Roeland Park
tyler	french	Roeland Park
Vanessa	Bonavia	Roeland Park
Victor	Moreno	Roeland Park
Victor	Perkins	Roeland Park
Wayne	Davis	Roeland Park
Will	Lipe	Roeland Park
Abby	Parra	Roeland Park

Brittany	Noriega	Roeland Park
Cameron	Bond	Roeland Park
Chris	Roesel	Roeland Park
Curtis	Herrera	Roeland Park
Davi	Hunter	Roeland Park
Diane	Lytle	Roeland Park
Ellen	Carmody	Roeland Park
Emily	Dunn	Roeland Park
Emma	Vogt	Roeland park
Emma	Green	Roeland Park
Erin	Chudley	Roeland park
James	Milligan	Roeland park
Josie	Milligan	Roeland park
Kate	Carter-Brown	Roeland Park
Louis	Jerome	Roeland Park
Mary J	Mullin	Roeland Park
Michael	Murray	Roeland Park
Michael	Loxterman	Roeland Park
Niki	Wrightsman	Roeland Park
Peter	Gasser	Roeland Park
Adam	Meredith	Roeland Park
Kevin	Connaghan	Roeland Park
Stephanie	Iser	Roeland Park
Charla	Blankenship	Roeland Park
Patricia	McKeown	Roeland Park
Walter	Rieger	Roeland Park
Joan	Elliott	Roeland Park
Amelia	Williams	Shawnee
Pam	Sitton	Shawnee
Susan	Ruiz	Shawnee
Tiana	Malone	Shawnee
Mary Ann	Farrell	Shawnee

August 7, 2020

Mayor Mike Kelly  
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Dear Mayor Kelly,

I write to you today to express the ACLU of Kansas's support for the Roeland Park Safe and Welcoming Ordinance, and for corresponding efforts led by local community members.

The Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park effort is led by Roeland Park community members, who believe deeply that allowing our neighbors to continue living in fear runs counter to Roeland Park's community values. This is a pro-law enforcement measure that protects local resources and removes any ambiguity about the role of local law enforcement in federal immigration enforcement.

We are a society of laws. Those laws protect people who, at any given time, may find themselves navigating the immigration system. Immigrants do have rights; our laws specifically reference "persons," not only citizens. The ACLU of Kansas supports passing the Safe and Welcoming Ordinance as the best means to support undocumented individuals who live, work, worship, or shop in the Roeland Park community.

The community you lead and serve will be strengthened by your proactive showing of solidarity for its undocumented community members. The current COVID-19 pandemic has only made the passage of this ordinance more urgent. If nothing else, this virus has taught us something about community, responsibility, and fairness. The virus does not discriminate. Neither should we.

The Safe and Welcoming Ordinance will protect Roeland Park's diverse population, stimulate the local economy, encourage cooperation with law enforcement, and show that Roeland Park welcomes people of all backgrounds. Thank you for your consideration of this important step to ensure that Roeland Park is an even safer and more welcoming place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nadine F. Johnson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nadine F. Johnson  
ACLU of Kansas

September 2, 2020

Dear Mayor Kelly and members of the Roeland Park City Council,

I, Pastor Bruce Draper, and many members of Roeland Park United Methodist Church would like to express our support for the proposed Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park ordinance.

We believe there are many reasons: political, economic, public safety, public health and more to implement this policy as soon as possible. Yet, we ultimately believe there is a moral reason to pass Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park, born of a conviction that all humans are deserving of dignity. No one should fear that minor, everyday interactions with law enforcement officers could lead to detention, family separation, and deportation. This ordinance would be a major step towards making Roeland Park a safer and more welcoming community for everyone by ensuring that all can fully and safely access public resources. We hope and pray you will move with the bold leadership and urgency this issue requires.

Sincerely,

Pastor of Roeland Park UMC: Bruce Draper

Leaders of Roeland Park UMC:  
Shayna C. Israel  
Michele Boeckholt  
Don Stevens

***Pastor Bruce Draper***

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"But look here: the Lord's eyes watch all who honor him, all who wait for his faithful love"

**1 Samuel 16:7b**

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June 19, 2020

To : Roeland Park Mayor and City Council

As a Latino serving organization working with Johnson County residents, we write today to express our support for the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance. Doing so would ensure that Roeland Park is an even safer and more welcoming place to call home.

El Centro was established in 1976 with a \$10,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, along with the blessing of Archbishop Ignatius J. Strecker, Father Ramon Gaitan, the commitment of the Cordi Marian Sisters, and a group of energetic and caring community members who saw a need for an organization to address the needs and concerns of Kansas City, Kansas' Latino population. With that care and commitment, El Centro was born, expanding its services to Johnson County. We still remain a proud ministry of the Diocese and El Centro's vigilant to its original purpose with a mission to "strengthen communities and improve the lives of Latinos and others through educational, social, and economic opportunities".

This Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance would improve relationships between police and the community, allowing Roeland Park residents to go about their lives without fear and intimidation, and would allow victims of crimes to confidently approach police without fear of being detained themselves. Time and resources spent engaging in federal immigration enforcement detracts from the performance of our local police department's core functions: to serve and protect. This ordinance would inform our community and improve the relationship with police. Many citizens and immigrants with legal status often fall victim to mistakes by ICE, therefore their views toward local officials can sour as well. When that happens, law enforcement's relationship with the entire community suffers.

A Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance allows for violent crimes to be prosecuted, and for felony warrants to be honored. This ordinance helps the police department by removing any perceived burdens of federal immigration enforcement duties and building trust with community members, who may be more willing to talk to officers and report crimes. Passing this ordinance keeps local funds focused on local needs, not on federal law enforcement activities.

Passing this ordinance not only affirms a commitment for diversity but builds a place that is safe and welcoming for all. This does not change the practices of our local Police or Sheriff's Department but in the eyes of immigrant residents it can build trust and move toward a better distinction between law enforcement agencies.

We support this important ordinance and its strong protections, because it will strengthen and improve the lives of those we serve. The strongest communities are those where every resident feels safe and welcomed as a valuable member of the community. We encourage you to pass the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance. Should you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call on us at 913-677-0100 or at [icaudillo@elcentroinc.com](mailto:icaudillo@elcentroinc.com).

Sincerely,

Irene Caudillo  
President & CEO





July 21, 2020

Dear Mayor Kelly and members of the Roeland Park City Council,

Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE²) would like to express our organizational support for the proposed Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park ordinance.

We believe there are many reasons: political, economic, public safety, public health and more to implement this policy as soon as possible. Yet, we ultimately believe there is a moral reason to pass Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park, born of a conviction that all humans are deserving of dignity. No one should fear that minor, everyday interactions with law enforcement officers could lead to detention, family separation, and deportation. This ordinance would be a major step towards making Roeland Park a safer and more welcoming community for everyone by ensuring that all can fully and safely access public resources.

We hope and pray you will move with the bold leadership and urgency this issue requires.

Sincerely,

Min. Kiku Brooks and Rev. Rick Behrens,  
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**RUI XU**  
25TH DISTRICT

Dear Mayor Kelly and members of the Roeland Park City Council,

I am writing in strong support of the Safe and Welcoming Ordinance in Roeland Park.

In a political environment where immigrants of all origins and statuses are being attacked by the federal government and ICE, I think it's important to show the immigrants who live, work, and do business in our area that they are welcome to do that without fear of persecution or deportation.

With the tough decisions looming as a result of COVID-19, local resources are even tighter and scarcer than they were before, and I think any amount that goes specifically towards federal immigrant enforcement Could be better spent elsewhere.

Roeland Park has a long history of being a leader in the area of making residents feel safe and welcomed. I think this would be one more great step forward for the city.

With Thanks,

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Xu'.



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July 29, 2020

To: Roeland Park Mayor and City Council

As an organization which exists to advocate for immigrants in the Kansas City area, we write today to express our support for the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance. Not only would it make Roeland Park safer for immigrants, but it would establish the city as a local leader in safe policies for immigrants.

This Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance would let immigrants know they can feel safe in their own city. Undocumented immigrants regularly face the fear of speaking with law enforcement for fear of being reported to immigration enforcement. These kinds of policies actually make the community safer because immigrants would know they could safely report crimes they witness to police.

A proper Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Ordinance does not prevent immigration enforcement from acting against one who has committed a criminal violation, so long as there is a judicial warrant. Therefore, a municipal policy should not affect that process, but should only dictate how Roeland Park prioritizes its own resources with its own police department.

Passing this ordinance would affirm Roeland Park's commitment to diversity, and it would be a huge step forward in building more trust between immigrants and the municipality.

Therefore, AIRR strongly *supports* this ordinance and its protections. It will strengthen and improve the lives of those we serve. If you have any questions AIRR can be reached at 913-229-6183 or at [info@airrk.org](mailto:info@airrk.org).

Sincerely,

Naomi Tolentino, President of AIRR



To: Roeland Park Mayor and City Council

As an organization that moves white communities to act as part of a multiracial majority for justice, Showing Up for Racial Justice-KC is supportive of a Safe and Welcoming ordinance in Roeland Park that requires a judicial warrant for local police collaboration with federal ICE agents.

Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) has seven shared values that we call our Points of Unity. One of these deeply held beliefs is that there is *Enough for Everyone*. Scapegoating immigrants is one of the ways our culture reinforces the false idea that resources are scarce and fearing who we don't know keeps us safe. This false belief is a root of racism. A Safe and Welcoming ordinance would in fact show that Roeland Park is an inclusive community, with opportunities for all.

Another one of SURJ's core beliefs is to *Be Accountable to People of Color*. We support Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park because we know that this ordinance, especially the emphasis on non-cooperation with federal immigration authorities, is supported by People of Color-led organizations around the metro and our nation. We also believe, however, that in white communities we cannot wait for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color to tell us what to do each step of the way. We must educate ourselves, check our values, and act for racial justice.

SURJ is heartened by the steps Roeland Park has taken to explore and consider this ordinance. We urge the Roeland Park government to pass Safe and Welcoming and take a clear step forward in building a culture of safety for everyone.

If you have further questions please contact us at [surj\\_kc@riseup.net](mailto:surj_kc@riseup.net)

Sincerely,

Showing Up for Racial Justice--Kansas City Leadership Team