

I Ben Greene, as Chairman of the Kent County Commission, am committing to adopting the six sanctuary policies that Movimiento Cosecha and GR Rapid Response to ICE have been demanding for over a year. I will commit to getting my fellow commissioners to endorse these policies as well.

The six sanctuary policies are:

- ***Policies restricting the ability of state and local police to make arrests for federal immigration violations, or to detain individuals on civil immigration warrants.***
- ***Policies restricting the police or other county workers from asking about immigration status.***
- ***Policies prohibiting “287(g)” agreements through which ICE deputizes local law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration law.***
- ***Policies that prevent local governments from entering into a contract with the federal government to hold immigrants in detention.***
- ***Policies preventing immigration detention centers from being established in Kent County, which would include the use of the Kent County Jail as a detention facility for ICE.***
- ***A policy that will not allow the Kent County Sheriff’s Department to share Flock camera images or any other information gathered by county staff with ICE or any other law enforcement agency seeking to arrest, detain and deport immigrants.***

I understand that Immigrants continue to be held at the Kent County Jail for ICE, where they will be then taken to the GEO Group-own detention center located in Baldwin, Michigan. I also understand that the majority of immigrants in Detention have no criminal history.

The lives of thousands of immigrants are at stake, since ICE detention facility conditions are horrendous, on top of the fact that families are now economically suffering, along with the trauma that has been inflicted on immigrant families as a result of ICE holds that are happening at the Kent County Jail.

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