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Regular meeting on Monday Session of February 20, 2017	Resolution: CM17 0106
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**Declaration designating Montréal as a sanctuary city**

Whereas Montréal confirms its commitment to ensuring the protection and accessibility of its services to all people without legal status living within its borders, independently of their social condition and ethnic or religious affiliation,

Whereas Montréal is recognized for its values of openness, justice, fairness and universal brotherhood,

Whereas since its founding and in the darkest periods of human history, Montréal has welcomed different waves of refugees, and this human contribution has been beneficial in regards to building its economy, society and culture,

Whereas there is an international movement of cities declaring themselves as sanctuary cities and along with cities such as Toronto, Vancouver, Hamilton, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York,

Whereas the federal government has reiterated Canada's openness to hosting refugees,

Whereas the municipal administration adopted the Montréal Declaration Against Racial Discrimination on March 21, 1989; the Montréal Declaration for Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness on March 22, 2004; the Montréal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities on June 20, 2005; and the Montréal Declaration on Living Together in June 2015,

Whereas the 22 members of the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities reiterated, on January 31, 2017, their commitment to welcoming refugees and other new arrivals in their communities,

Whereas the Conseil interculturel de Montréal, on February 7, 2017, expressed its wish to see Montréal become a sanctuary city;

it was proposed by Denis Coderre  
and supported by Dimitrios (Jim) Beis  
Mary Deros

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and resolved:

1 - That Montréal shall declare itself a sanctuary city and ensure protection and accessibility to persons without legal status living within its borders/2 CM17 0106 (continued),

2 – That Montréal shall offer access to city programs and services, especially with respect to housing, to all persons, notwithstanding their status,

3 – That Montréal, as Canada’s second-largest immigrant city, shall offer its participation, expertise and know-how to all levels of government that are undertaking procedures to foster social inclusiveness of people without legal status,

4 – That city council shall task the city manager, the Bureau d’intégration des nouveaux arrivants à Montréal (BINAM), the social diversity department and the finance department with developing an action plan that aims to define, after consultation with various city partners:

- a) Opportunities to improve access for persons without legal status to services provided by the city and its partners, without fear of being denounced or deported,
- b) Training and education needs for front-line staff so that residents without legal status can have access to all city services without fear of being denounced or deported,
- c) A complaint protocol and communication strategy to keep Montrealers informed of the scope of the city’s commitment to be a sanctuary city,

5 – That the executive committee shall task the Commission de la sécurité publique with developing, in collaboration with the Service de police de Montréal (SPVM), an approach to ensure that persons without a legal status in vulnerable situations can have access to municipal public safety services without a risk of being denounced to immigration authorities or deported, unless this person is specifically subject to a compliance order issued by a jurisdictional authority in criminal and security matters,

6 – That city council shall ask the federal government to implement a regularization program for residents without papers and that a letter shall be sent to the government and opposition parties,

7 – That city council shall ask the government of Québec to review its policies concerning the services it funds for residents without papers, to foster access to health care, emergency services, community housing and support for residents without legal status,

8 – That city council shall send the present declaration to the government of Canada, the government of Québec, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Union des

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municipalités du Québec and the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, and shall invite member cities of these bodies to follow in our footsteps,

9 – That city council shall send the present declaration to the International Observatory of Mayors on Living Together so that it can share the declaration with member cities

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A debate has been undertaken.

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Adopted unanimously.

Denis Coderre,

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Mayor

Yves Saindon,

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Montréal city clerk