

WHEREAS freedom of expression is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Board of Library Trustees of the Santa Clara City Library recognizes the Library has a responsibility to protect and promote the constitutional rights of each Library patron to access and use Library resources; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara City Library serves a broad and diverse community and provides each patron unrestricted access to a broad and diverse collection of resources; and

WHEREAS members of the community are responsible for their use of Library resources, and likewise are solely responsible for the use of Library resources by minors in their care; and

WHEREAS the Library opposes censorship and protects freedom of expression in its community by providing information resources and promoting free and respectful expression of differing viewpoints; and

WHEREAS a sanctuary library creates a safe space for ideas and resources, especially those that have been or are in danger of being challenged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara City Library declares itself to be a Book Sanctuary Library.