



## City of Roeland Park

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To the Kansas State Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

House Bill 2717 continues upon this Legislature's erosion of local control, a hallmark enshrined in the Kansas Constitution recognizing that the people of Kansas primarily prefer their local governments making decisions for their communities. Local governments are charged with the public safety and general welfare of all residents of their municipalities.

Our local governments recognize and uphold the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, guaranteeing the right of all persons to due process and protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. Further, we recognize and uphold the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and the right of states and local governments to be free from mandates or financial obligation to perform the duties of the federal government.

Local resources are limited, and we must be good fiscal stewards of taxpayer resources. Therefore, in our community, it is a common and well-established policy of Roeland Park's agencies, employees and officers, not to conduct the work of federal immigration enforcement, with limited exceptions where already required by state or federal law and in the interest of national security.

The Governing Body of the City of Roeland Park values the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Roeland Park Police Department ("RPPD") in keeping our City safe by establishing a standard of community trust and collaboration which shall not be eroded. In the interest of increased public safety, we want members of the public and RPPD officers and employees of the City to clearly understand Roeland Park's policies in regard to cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, prioritizing public safety and cooperation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Mayor Mike Kelly