

May 25, 2017

## Community Update by City Manager Charlie McClendon



### Cathedral City Votes to Be Recognized as a “Sanctuary City”

At the May 24, 2017 City Council meeting, the council voted 3 to 2 in favor of recognizing current City immigration policies and officially declaring Cathedral City as a place where all families can live without the fear of local law enforcement seeking their immigration or citizenship status.

The three main points that the Council would like everyone to know about being classified as a “Sanctuary City” are the following:

#### **1. Improves Public Safety for Everyone.**

Families residing in Cathedral City may have a member(s) of their household that arrived undocumented for a variety of reasons. It could be a spouse, child, parent or grandparent. Our Police and Fire Departments need every person in our community to feel free to contact an officer or call 9-1-1 if they witness a reportable crime being committed or a medical emergency without the fear of being detained solely due to their immigration status. This policy fosters a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between City officials and residents and is essential to the City's mission of delivering efficient public services in partnership with our community.

#### **2. Immigration is the role of the federal government, not local government.**

It is the position of the City of Cathedral City that the responsibility for the enforcement of immigration belongs to the federal government. It is up to each locale to enter an agreement (known as 287g) with the federal government to take on that enforcement role. Cathedral City, through its designation as a “Sanctuary City” has chosen not to enter such agreement and to not expend local resources on such activity.

#### **3. Protects Sensitive Information.**

Our policy prohibits City personnel from seeking a person's immigration status for that sole purpose. We treat all individuals equally in enforcing and preventing crime. We don't ask for a person's immigration status and we do not detain a person merely based on their immigration

status. We want all individuals to engage in commerce, utilize public venues, and interact with City employees without the fear of being asked for their immigration status.

Everyone has the right to agree or disagree with the decision made by the majority of the council as that is what makes us a modern democracy. At the same time, families originating from all over the world who come to United States to seek the American Dream should be able to shop, dine, live, stay, and play without the fear of their status being questioned by City law enforcement. It is the City's resolution that declares immigration is not the role of local government. On the other hand, residents should be assured that our police department will continue to aggressively fight crime in our community and comply with lawfully issued judicial warrants or other subpoenas and cooperate with federal authorities to protect public safety.

This Sanctuary City status attempts to send a message of inclusivity to our residents, recognize the role of local government, and continue the practices that were in place for many years to keep our community safe.

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Los tres puntos principales que el Consejo desea que todos sepan sobre ser clasificados como "Ciudad Santuario" son los siguientes:

**1. Mejora la seguridad pública para todos.**

Algunas familias que residen en la ciudad de Cathedral City podrían tener miembros que están indocumentados por varias de razones. Podría ser una pareja, un hijo, padre o abuelo. Nuestro departamento de Policía y Bomberos necesitan que cada persona de nuestra comunidad se sienta seguro de comunicarse con un oficial o llamar al 9-1-1 si para emergencias médicas o si son testigos de un delito que se debe reportar, sin temor de ser detenidos por su estatus migratorio. Esta póliza fomenta una relación de confianza, respeto y buena comunicación entre los oficiales de la Ciudad y los residentes. Es esencial para la misión de la Ciudad proveer servicios públicos eficientes en colaboración con nuestra comunidad.

**2. La inmigración es responsabilidad del gobierno federal, no del gobierno local.**

La posición de la ciudad de la ciudad respecto a este tema, es que las responsabilidades de las políticas migratorias pertenezcan al gobierno federal. Corresponde a cada localidad tener un acuerdo (conocido como 287g) con el gobierno federal para asumir ese papel de cumplimiento. La ciudad de Cathedral, a través de su designación como una "Ciudad Santuario" ha decidido no entrar en tal acuerdo y no gastar recursos locales en tal actividad.

**3. Protege la información sensible.**

Nuestra póliza de Santuario prohíbe que el personal de la Ciudad investigue el estatus migratorio de una persona. Tratamos a todos los individuos por igual para hacer cumplir y prevenir la delincuencia. No pedimos el estatus migratorio de una persona y no detenemos a una persona basándonos simplemente en su estatus migratorio. Queremos que todos los individuos se involucren en el comercio, utilicen lugares públicos e interactúen con los empleados de la Ciudad sin el temor de que se les solicite su estatus migratorio.

News

Ask Your  
Councilmember -  
Whitewater Bike Trail  
Funding



from Councilmember Mark Carnevale who answers the question of whether the City is spending reserves of \$2.7 million to build the Cathedral City Whitewater Bike Trail to the proposed specifications ... [Read more.](#)

Mark Carnevale, Councilmember

In an effort to further our communications with you, we have started a new program called, "Ask Your Councilmember". This video is

## Mayor Stan Henry Talks to KMIR about Downtown Cathedral City

Here's a video clip of Mayor Stan Henry appearing LIVE on KMIR's Morning Show at Sunshine Cafe talking about all the great events coming up in our Downtown as well as the plans for new entertainment developments. [Read more.](#)



## Upcoming Events

### Cathedral City Public Arts Commission Hosts the 4th Annual Student DATA Awards

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission (CCPAC) will host the 4th Annual Student Digital Arts Technology Academy (DATA) Photography and Film Awards at the Mary Pickford Theater on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. [Read more.](#)



### Caribbean Music Festival - BRT Weekend

BRT Weekend will be the first Caribbean 3-day/6 parties' concert for Cathedral City, which is scheduled for



DJs, hosts, and artists from around the world. It will be all- inclusive with delicious food and drinks. The ambiance of the party is what will leave thousands of anticipated supporters, also known as *BRT* Weekend-ers, hypnotized and mesmerized by the ethereal attractions of each party.. [Read more.](#)

## Movies in the Park


Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for “Movies in the Park” located this season at Ocotillo Park, 33300 Moreno Road in Cathedral City. The free event every month at 7:00 pm, except for the month of May, which begins at 8:30 pm due to daylight savings time.

You are welcome to bring snacks or non-alcoholic drinks, but you can also purchase them from the movie organizers at the park’s concession stand. Great Family FUN!

[Read more.](#)





CATHEDRAL CITY HIGH  
SCHOOL BANDS  
Australia Tour Fundraiser  
at



Help Us Get to Australia!  
20% of your bill will go directly to the CCHS  
Symphony Band as we prepare to travel to Sydney,  
Australia in July to perform at the world-famous  
Sydney Opera House!!

Tuesday, May 30th  
4 p.m. to close

68510 E Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City  
760-832-6100  
Incredible culinary cuisine inspired by Chef Hector

## CCHS Band's Australia Tour Fundraiser at Bonta Restaurant

Help send Cathedral City High School Band to Sydney, Australia to play at the world renowned Sydney Opera House in July by dining at Bonta Restaurant on Tuesday, May 30th from 4 pm to close. 20% of your dining tab will be donated to CCHS Band to help fund the trip.

[Read more.](#)

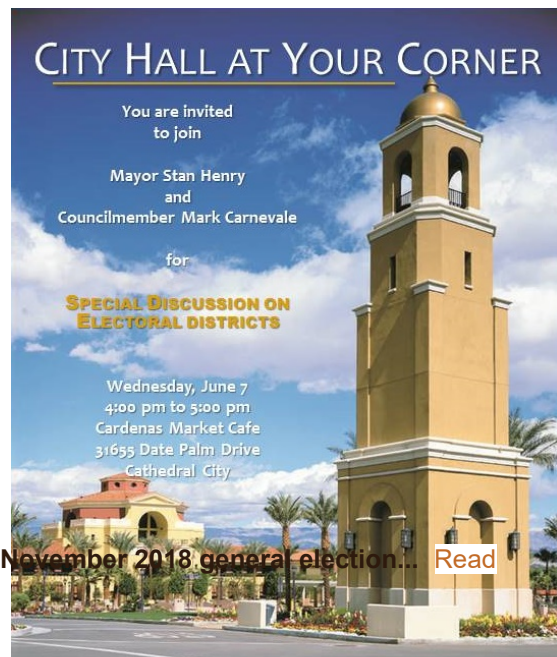
## City Hall at Your Corner - Special Discussion on



## Electoral Districts for Cathedral City

Have an issue you would like to speak to your city councilmembers about or learn what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for “City Hall at Your Corner” hosted by two members of the City Council, Stan Henry and Mark Carnevale.

**This “City Hall at Your Corner” will also serve as a Special Discussion on Electoral Districts as the City transitions from “at-large” to “by-district” elections for members of the City Council starting with the November 2018 general election...** [Read more.](#)



## Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

Children's Art Party for children and elders. The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral City Art Gallery, 68895 Perez Road, Suite I-27 (across from Frankie's Italian Bakery) on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces made of recyclable materials ...

[Read more.](#)



## 2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road

Every 2nd Saturday, come to Cathedral City's Art & Design District for “2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road” where you will discover special art exhibits, museum quality art as well as cultural art to brighten your soul, meet other like-minded people, and maybe get a little exercise going from art gallery to design gallery to art gallery. It will be ARTtastic!

[Read more.](#)

## Free Kids Summer Film Series

The Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission in partnership with the Mary Pickford Theatre presents a Free Summer Kids Film Series happening on every Friday at 9:30 a.m. starting Friday, June 16, 2017 thru Friday, August 18, 2017.

Thanks to a generous donation by Councilmember John Aguilar, the film series will allow free admission in order to see a different kids movie each Friday morning at the Mary Pickford Theatre in Downtown Cathedral City. [Read more.](#)



## Tejano Music Fest

Come enjoy the Tejano Music Fest on Saturday, September 16th from 3 pm to 11 pm in Downtown Cathedral City.

The event includes musical acts, Tejano food, beverages for all, and Tejano art. [Read more.](#)

## Desert Glo Fest

Desert Glo Fest is the newly revamped event formerly known as [Health Glo](#), at Health Glo 2015 & 2016 runners/walkers danced, jumped and sang along at our DJ spun Pre-Party while the paint flew. After enjoying the non-stop party our participants ran or walked through our 5k black light lit glow course where they were doused with even more paint and glowed the night away.....[Read more.](#)





## Halloween Spooktacular at FallFest

The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, City of Cathedral City's Special Events and many non-profit organizations bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular at FallFest, Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-3 pm. The event will occur in downtown at the FallFest event at the Festival Lawn, 68-600 East Palm Canyon Drive. Halloween Spooktacular will include all the entertainment of FallFest with free admission as well as exhibits sponsored by non-profit organizations, the ...[Read more.](#)

## Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival 2017

[Read more.](#)

