



# Answers from Politicians

*(well at least from those that would answer)*

## Local/State Sanctuary Status

This is the third question in the series to ask California GOP Gubernatorial candidates various questions on issues that may, or may not, be of interest to voters. The responses from the candidates will be posted online, at [www.QandA.Netxenon.com](http://www.QandA.Netxenon.com), and returned to each candidate with all of the answers so that they may see just how each candidate responded.

Here are the candidates chosen for this question:

Chad Bianco, Steve Hilton, Sharifah Hardie, Leo Zacky, Brandon Jones, Kyle Langford, and Daniel Mercuri.

The following is the text of the email sent to each candidate for their opinion:

For a number of years, states and local governments have taken the stance of being “sanctuary”. In more recent times, those same governments have refused to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) citing that the issue of immigration enforcement is the sole legal responsibility of the federal government. If this is their policy and position of immigration, then the question arises that if state and local governments pursue sanctuary status, then doesn’t their sanctuary policies themselves are in fact making those state and local governments in a position to dictate immigration law, thus making their policies in direct conflict with federal immigration law, which interferes with ICE and duties of federal agents?

Question: As California Governor, what is your position on sanctuary laws and would you terminate those laws, both state and local, and comply with federal agencies?

Those candidates that responded to the email of Sept. 12, 2025 were:  
Sharifah Hardie & Daniel Mercuri.

A tentative posting date is set for Friday, 9/26/2025.

[The Answers:](#)

**Sharifah Hardie**

(9/12/2025)

Good afternoon Warren,

As California Governor, I will not support sanctuary laws. I believe that all states and local governments must comply with federal law. When cities or states declare themselves as sanctuaries, they are in fact stepping into the role of deciding which federal laws they will recognize, which undermines the authority of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and places federal agents at a disadvantage.

Sanctuary policies create confusion, weaken enforcement, and make it harder to maintain public safety. They also send the wrong message by suggesting that some areas are free to disregard the laws of the United States. This directly conflicts with the constitutional principle that federal law is the supreme law of the land.

As Governor, I will terminate sanctuary laws at both the state and local levels. California will comply with federal agencies and work in partnership with them, not against them. Our goal must be to restore respect for the rule of law, support the duties of federal officers, and ensure that every city and community in California upholds the same standards of safety, security, and accountability.

Sincerely,

Sharifah Hardie

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**Daniel Mercuri**

(9/25/2025)

Good evening Warren,

Here is my answer to your third question.

**Q3: Answer:** Sanctuary laws, such as California's SB 54, the '*California Values Act*' was erroneously enacted and violates the U.S. Constitution Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 4: The Uniform Rule of Naturalization to which USC Title 28, sec. 1324, 1325, & 1326 are built off that are fundamentally in agreement with the Supreme Law of the Land. The state and local municipalities who do not currently cooperate with ICE are in direct violation to their Oath of Office, engaging in harboring and violating the state constitution Article 1, Sec. 18: Treason...'adhering to its enemies.' This is just the tip of the 'iceberg.' Pun intended.

Under my administration:

1) *Marbury vs. Madison (1803): "A law repugnant to the Constitution is void."* As governor, I will void and make a public nullification of all California sanctuary laws. Any local or state municipality that continues to enforce such egregious legislation that now falsely operates under the color of law, will be swiftly incarcerated.

2) All state, county, and local law enforcement agencies '**will**' assist ICE agents at every turn possible with the removal of '**all**' illegal aliens per their Oath of Office which is to uphold the U.S. Constitution first!

3) Gavin Newsom stepped outside his vested authority and placed a moratorium on the state's death penalty. I will remove that moratorium.

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I will work closely with legislation or propose by proposition to the people, that if any illegal alien who has committed a heinous act such as rape, murder, child sex trafficking, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, or kidnapping etc...in '**addition**' to bypassing our designated points of entry, they will not be handed over to ICE but instead, they will be placed on a fast track and subject to the death penalty.

I aim to set a clear and concise message to present and potential future illegal aliens ...  
**DO NOT COME TO CALIFORNIA!**

Blessings,

As of today, Friday, 9/26/2025, there have been only two candidates with any substantive answer to question #3. As previously stated, that although candidates can get busy prior to an election, if an answer is submitted late, it will still be added to the .PDF for posting. It is always important for voters to hear from the various candidates regarding issues. If candidates don't speak, voters don't hear.

The next question is potentially slated to be sent to the candidates near the end of October.