

August 30, 2020

Immigration Advisory Board,

Members of Amnesty International Group 270 were in attendance and spoke during the public comment period at the last meeting held on August 14. We were greatly impressed with the important work you're undertaking and hope to learn and be of support.

We look forward to being able to speak with you further about the Welcome Refugee resolution and request that it be added to the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting in September. We believe that this resolution augments the work you are doing by stating the importance of our role as a community to speak out in support of welcoming refugees in keeping with our shared values of respect for human rights. Words are important. The Welcome Refugee resolutions around the country are public statements that create awareness, help inform, denounce bigotry, hateful rhetoric, misinformation and fear-mongering.

Sincerely,

Members of Amnesty International Group 270
including Colleen Curtis, Jan Dietzgen, Amy Mower, Mary Jean Van Almen, Bruce Radtke, Milt Krieger