

Tom Suozzi's Extreme Policies Have Helped Cause The Immigration Crisis. Suozzi Supports Open-Borders And His Support For Making Nassau County A Sanctuary County And New York Sanctuary State Has Led To Migrants Being Bussed To Local Communities, All At Local Taxpayers' Expense.

Sanctuary Cities

In Congress, Suozzi Voted In Favor Of Funding For Sanctuary Cities

On June 29, 2017, Suozzi Voted Against An Anti-Sanctuary City Bill To Withhold Tax Dollars From Such Cities. “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of ‘any criminal or motor vehicle law’ in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an ‘inadmissible or deportable alien,’ and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill’s provisions.” (H.R. 3003, [Roll Call Vote #342](#): Passed 228-195; R 225-7, D 3-188, 6/29/17, Suozzi Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

- **On June 29, 2017, Suozzi Voted For An Amendment To Weaken The Anti-Sanctuary City Bill.** “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt state or local governments from the bill’s noncompliance provisions if such governments certify to the attorney general that complying with the bill’s provisions would endanger public safety.” (H.R. 3003, [Roll Call Vote #341](#): Failed 181-230; R 0-230, D 181-0, 6/29/17, Suozzi Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

On September 6, 2017, Suozzi Voted Against An Amendment To Ban HUD Funding For Sanctuary Cities. “Smith, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit state and local government entities from receiving Housing and Urban Development Department funding if the state or local entity prohibits or restricts any government entity from reporting to Immigration and Naturalization Service with information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” (H.R. 3354, [Roll Call Vote #455](#): Adopted 225-195; R 224-8, D 1-187, 9/6/17, Suozzi Voted No; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

While Suozzi Was County Executive, Nassau County Implemented Policies Similar To Traditional Sanctuary City Policy

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Congressman Tom Suozzi on Immigration

 *"America is founded on the basic principle that 'all men and women are created equal,' not just all men and women with a green card, passport, or from a particular country. Everyone is entitled to be treated with respect and human dignity."*
- Tom Suozzi, 1/1/94

As a first generation American, whose father came from Italy and lived an American success story, Tom Suozzi has compiled a distinguished record as a passionate supporter and defender of immigrants rights and common sense solution throughout his 25 years in public service.

Mayor of Glen Cove

- As Mayor of Glen Cove, Tom opened the first "shape up center" on the east coast of the United States, a safe location where undocumented workers could find work, learn English, and take other job skill training. At the same time, illegal housing, code violation, and quality of life crimes were prosecuted. Today, the residents of Glen Cove live harmoniously while the same conflict that was addressed in Glen Cove 25 years ago still rages across the country.

Nassau County Executive

- Under Tom's leadership, the Nassau County Police Department worked hard to build trust and facilitated "community policing" so immigrants were not fearful to go to the police for protection.
- The police department issued an administrative order stating that it is not police policy to inquire about the immigration status of any person unless they are arrested for a crime.
- Brought together the president of the Long Island Association (LI's chamber of commerce), the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the NY State Secretary of State, the police commissioner, and health and education professionals, to facilitate policies that promote respect for and responsibility in the immigrant community.
- Called for a federal investigation into poorly implemented ICE raids conducted in Nassau County, which endangered the safety of residents and police officers, and jeopardized the community trust between the Police Department and immigrants.

Member of Congress

- As a member the bipartisan Problem Solver's Caucus in Congress, Tom helped negotiate compromise legislation for immigration reform. Tom supports comprehensive immigration reform including:
 - Stronger border security
 - Regularizing the 11 million undocumented persons currently in America, including a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers
 - Treating all men, women and children, regardless of where they are from, like human beings
- Adamantly against separating children from their parents. Tom traveled to the border in El Paso, Texas to meet with border patrol officials, and inspect the Tornillo facility housing children who've been separated from their parents. Also, visited MercyFirst facility in Syosset.
- Co-sponsor of over ten bills that address responsible immigration reform, including the Dream Act of 2017, the Keep Families Together Act, the Freedom of Religion Act and several bipartisan bills.

(Tom Suozzi, [Twitter](#), 6/27/18)

In 2007 As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Confronted ICE Agents Amid The Agency Arresting Members Of The Latino Community Without Warrants And Paraded Them In Front Of The Media As Dangerous Gang Members

VIDEO: During The June 2022 Democratic Primary Debate For Governor, Suozzi Said That As Nassau County Executive, He “Kicked ICE Out Of Nassau County.” MODERATOR: “Mr. Williams, the New York City Council passed a law to allow people with green cards to vote in local elections. Should this be extended statewide – people with green cards allowed to vote in local elections, every place in the state? You have 30 seconds.” ... MODERATOR: “Mr. Suozzi, you have 30 seconds.” SUOZZI: “I don’t think the vote should be extended. I’m a very great supporter of immigrants. In 1994, I started the first dayworker center anywhere on the East Coast of the United States of America when I was Mayor of the city of Glen Cove. When I was County Executive in Nassau County, I kicked ICE out of Nassau County. I was the person of the year for the New York Immigration Coalition. I’m a first generation American, my father was born in Italy. I support immigrants. I support the undocumented trying to help them live the best life they can in the United States of America. But the right to vote should be reserved for citizens.” ([CBS News Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Debate](#), 6/7/22) Minute 39:21 – 40:35

- **Suozzi Grabbed National Headlines In 2007 When He Confronted ICE Agents Amid The Agency Arresting Dozens Of Latinos Without Warrants And Paraded Them In Front Of The Media As Dangerous Gang Members.** “Then Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi grabbed national headlines in 2007 when he stood up to abuses by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents during raids in the county. Immigration police arrested dozens of Latinos without warrant and paraded them in front of the media as dangerous gang members. The Suozzi administration embarrassed ICE when it revealed that 90 percent of those arrested had no connection to gangs or criminal activity.” (Patrick Young Esq., “Former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi To Be Honored At NYIC Gala Next Week,” [Long Island Wins](#), 5/24/11)
- **Suozzi Demanded An Investigation Into The Agents’ Conduct By DHS, Which Oversees ICE.** “Scores of federal immigration agents from around the country, some wearing cowboy hats and brandishing shotguns and automatic weapons, endangered residents and local police officers last week as they raided homes in Nassau County in a poorly planned antigang operation, county officials charged yesterday. ... Thomas R. Suozzi, the Nassau County executive, said yesterday that he was demanding an investigation into the agents’ conduct by the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees Immigration and Customs Enforcement.” (Nina Bernstein, “Raids Were A Shambles, Nassau Complains To U.S.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/3/07)