

Tom Suozzi's support of making Nassau County a sanctuary county and New York a sanctuary state led to migrants being bussed to local communities at the taxpayer's expense and allowed them to receive taxpayer benefits like housing, healthcare, and food subsidies – costing billions of dollars a year

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

On September 20, 2024, Suozzi Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Funding For Sanctuary Cities. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit “sanctuary” cities and other jurisdictions from receiving federal funds that they intend to use for the benefit of undocumented immigrants who are in the United States and do not hold a lawful immigration status. Under the bill, sanctuary jurisdictions could not use federal funds specifically for food, shelter, health care services, legal services and transportation for undocumented immigrants. It would define a sanctuary jurisdiction as any state or political subdivision (such as a county, town, village or school district), that has a statute, ordinance, policy or practice that prohibits or restricts any government entity or official from sending, receiving, maintaining or exchanging with any federal, state or local government information regarding an individual’s citizenship or immigration status.” (H.R. 5717, [Roll Call #437](#), Passed 219-186, R 207-0, D 12-186; Suozzi Voted Nay; 9/20/24; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 10/2/24)

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)

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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)

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and state resources. (Emma Withrow and Janae Bowens, “Fact Check Team: Illegal Migrant Hotels In The Spotlight With Taxpayers Footing The Bill,” [CBS Austin](#), 2/25/25)