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I write in support of SB 1119.

The national atmosphere in this country with respect to immigrants is fueled by a nativist frame of reference that is quick to judge. When we as a people rush to judgment based upon physical attributes or language we replace our openness with suspicion.

Immigration status should not be the responsibility of landlords and apartment managers. If you are going to inquire as to immigration status, the Fourteenth Amendment would require, in the interests of equal treatment, that everyone be required to provide proof of their status to live and work in this country. To select who you question based on something subjective (tattoos, language, skin color) is chilling. Subjective complicity in enforcement has a vigilante touch about it that I find odious. Leave enforcement to ICE.

The only concern that matters when seeking to rent or buy is one's ability to pay the rent.