

# Welcome Card Writing Instructions

Thank you for helping us share a message of welcome and support with our immigrant neighbors. Your words—no matter how simple—can make a meaningful difference.

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## Purpose of the Cards

These cards are meant to: - Communicate welcome, kindness, and belonging - Let our neighbors know they are valued members of the community - Offer encouragement without being political or intrusive

Keep messages warm, respectful, and brief.

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## What to Write

Choose one short message that feels natural to you. You may write in English or, if you prefer, use one of the translated phrases below. Choose one short message that feels natural to you. Here are examples you may copy or adapt:

### Simple & Universal

- “You are welcome here.”
- “Welcome, neighbor.”
- “You belong here.”
- “We’re glad you’re part of our community.”

### Warm & Friendly

- “We’re happy you’re our neighbor.”
- “Sending a warm welcome from your community.”
- “With friendship from your neighbors.”

### Supportive & Encouraging

- “You are valued and respected.”

- “Our community is stronger with you in it.”
- “Wishing you peace, safety, and happiness.”
- “We hope you feel at home here.”

### Group Messages (if writing on behalf of an organization)

- “With welcome and support from your neighbors at [group name].”
- “From our community to yours—welcome.”

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### Translated Phrases (Optional)

You are welcome to copy one of these phrases if you'd like to write in another language.

#### Spanish

- “Usted es bienvenido/a aquí.”
- “Bienvenido/a, vecino/a.”
- “Nos alegra que sea parte de nuestra comunidad.”
- “Usted pertenece aquí.”

#### Hmong

- “Peb zoo siab txais tos koj.” (We are happy to welcome you.)
- “Koj nyob ntawm no mas zoo siab heev.” (We are glad you are here.)
- “Koj yog ib feem ntawm peb lub zej zog.” (You are part of our community.)

#### Somali

- “Ku soo dhawoow halkan.” (You are welcome here.)
- “Ku soo dhawoow, deris.” (Welcome, neighbor.)
- “Waan ku faraxsanahay inaad ka mid tahay bulshadeenna.” (We are glad you are part of our community.)
- “Halkan waad ku tirsan tahay.” (You belong here.)

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## How to Sign Your Card

- “With kindness,”
- “Your neighbor,”
- “With welcome,”
- First name only, or no name at all

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## What to Avoid

To ensure cards feel safe and welcoming, please avoid:

- Political statements or symbols
- Questions about immigration status, country of origin, or personal history
- Religious messages (unless specifically requested)
- Long or complex messages

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## Helpful Tips

- Short messages are best—sincerity matters more than length
- Clear, simple language is always appropriate
- Print. Do not use cursive.
- Write neatly and with care
- If you make a mistake, please start a new card

Thank you for helping make our community a place where everyone feels welcome.