

Walgreens Shareholder Meeting Question
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I'm Scott Shepard of the National Center for Public Policy Research. First, I would like to thank the company for engaging with my organization regarding a shareholder proposal that we submitted concerning the company's board nominating processes. The company has agreed to consider candidates with diverse viewpoints and perspectives. In our partisan climate, this is a win for Walgreens shareholders.

Second, I want to follow up with you on an exchange between your representatives and my organization that occurred at your 2018 shareholder meeting. At that meeting a colleague of mine pointed out that Walgreens was then contributing to organizations such as UnidosUS (formerly La Raza), and the League of United Latin American Citizens, or LULAC, which spend significant amounts of money lobbying for sanctuary-city policies that push state and municipal jurisdictions to flout federal immigration law in favor of illegal immigrants who have committed crimes.¹ We noted then that evidence suggests that an overwhelming majority of Americans opposes these policies.²

Your response, I believe by Community Affairs V.P. Chuck Greener, was that Walgreens would review its donations with these concerns in mind.

Since then, concerns about illegal immigration policy have not abated, while use of the sanctuary-jurisdiction strategy has expanded beyond just the illegal-immigration realm.

Following up on that discussion, then:

- Has Walgreens, as promised, reviewed its donations and its donations policy?
- If so, what was the result of that review?
- Does Walgreens still support organizations that lobby for cities to violate federal law in order to prevent deportation of illegal aliens who have committed crimes? If not, then please accept our congratulations on making a wise policy decision.
- If so, though, what is the Company's justification for continuing to run reputational risks in order to support violation of federal law, while taking a deeply partisan and highly unpopular political stance?

¹ http://publications.unidosus.org/bitstream/handle/123456789/1717/2016_nclannual_report_web.pdf:
<https://lulac.org/about/corpall/>; <https://www.2ndvote.com/80-americans-oppose-sanctuary-cities-corporations-stand/>.

² <http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/320487-poll-americans-overwhelmingly-oppose-sanctuary-cities>.

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