

Immigration Issues in Our Community

Addressing ICE Raids and the Rise of Aggressive Enforcement



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Understanding Our Immigration Challenges

A Personal Connection to Our Community

Current Immigration Climate: Marked by surge in ICE raids.

Government Response: Local, State, Federal actions.

Community Resilience and Support: Collective action and advocacy.



Impact of ICE Activity On Community

National Enforcement

- Only about 8% of individuals arrested had convictions for violent crimes. The largest category of charges was traffic offences (CBS News)

California Enforcement

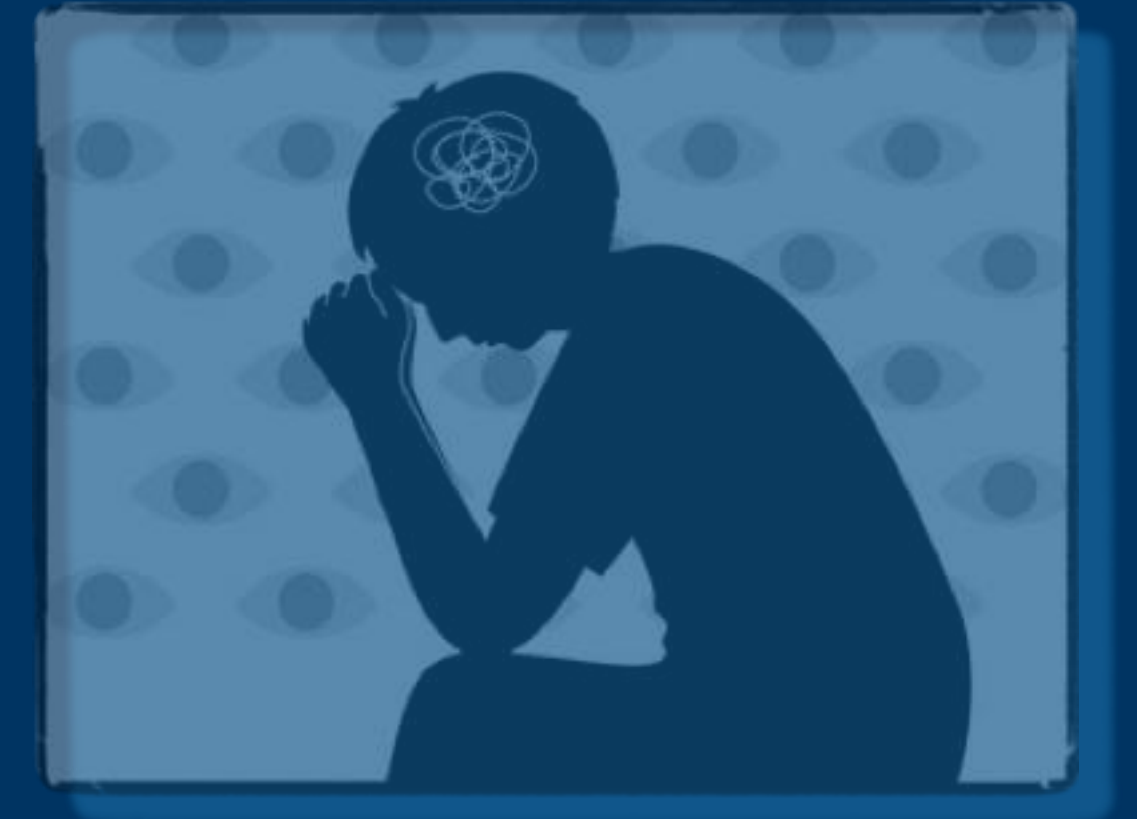
- In the first 5 months of the Trump Administration, there were approximately 8,460 ICE raids in California (Los Angeles Times)
- California has the third highest number of immigration arrests (after Texas and Florida), with arrests up 123% compared to 2024 (The New York Times)
- In the Los Angeles Region, between June 1-10:
 - 722 individuals arrested.
 - 69% had no criminal convictions.
 - 58% had never been charged with a crime (Los Angeles Times)

Impact of ICE Activity On Community

Economic & Workforce Impacts

A UC Merced Community and Labor Center Study found that ICE raids caused:

- 4.9% decrease in private sector work, or over 465,000 jobs lost.
- Economic downturn comparable to the Great Recession and COVID-19 pandemic.
- Raids disproportionately impacted Latino worker.



Education Impacts

- Five Central Valley districts saw a cumulative 22% increase in student absences following immigration raids this year.
- Raids create fear and anxiety, disrupting the learning environment and emotional well-being of students.
- Lower classroom attendance means less funding for schools, which depend on average daily attendance to pay essential expenses. (Ed Source)

Mental Health Impacts on Children

- A new report from UC Riverside highlights the significant mental and emotional impact of immigration enforcement on immigrant children and those in mixed-status households, indicating a public health emergency.
- The study finds that separation from caregivers increases the risk of suicidal thoughts, alcohol use, anxiety attacks, and behavioral changes in adolescents, while young children may experience sleep and appetite issues, emotional dysregulation, and developmental regression.
- The threat of separation alone creates emotional harm, resulting in chronic anxiety, school absenteeism, academic disengagement, and heightened emotional distress among affected children.

Legislative Actions

Safeguarding Our Communities Through New Laws



- SB 98 (Pérez) – The Sending Alerts to Families in Education (SAFE) Act
- SB 805 (Pérez) – The No Vigilantes Act

Mitigating Aggressive Enforcement With New Safeguards

SB 98: Protecting Educational Environments

Ensuring Safe Spaces for Our Children and Communities

- Requires K-12 schools and higher education institutions to issue alerts if immigration enforcement authorities are present on campus, similar to warning systems in place for other campus emergencies.



“Public safety depends on trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve — but Trump and Miller have shattered that trust and spread fear across America. California is putting an end to it and making sure schools and hospitals remain what they should be: places of care, not chaos.”

- Governor Gavin Newsom

SB 805: The "No Vigilantes Act"

Promoting Accountability and Transparency in Enforcement



- Expands the scope of existing police impersonation laws by making it illegal to impersonate peace officers, including federal agents.
- Requires all law enforcement operating in California to clearly display identification that includes their agency and either a name or badge number or both.
- Authorizes law enforcement to request identification from anyone claiming to be law enforcement.
- Bans bounty hunters from engaging in any form of immigration enforcement in California.

Received support from over 180 organization and local governments from throughout the state, including the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, City of Costa Mesa, City of Culver City, City of Encinitas, City of Monterey Park, City of Paramount, City of Pasadena, City of Soledad, City of Solana Beach and City of West Hollywood. It was also supported by the Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC), among others.

Expanding Safeguards

Comprehensive Protection for Our Communities



SB 627 (Wiener) (Co-Author: Pérez) No Secret Police Act

Prohibits local and federal law enforcement from concealing their faces while conducting operations, with limited exemptions, such as for medical or fire-related reasons.

SB 81 (Arreguín) (Co-Author: Pérez) Ensuring Safe Healthcare Spaces

Prohibits a health care provider entity and its personnel, unless required by state and federal law, from granting access to the nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement without a valid judicial warrant or court order.

AB 49 (Muratsuchi) (Co-Author: Pérez) California Safe Haven Schools Act

Prohibits immigration enforcement officers from entering a nonpublic area of a school without providing valid identification and a valid judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, or unless required by state or federal law.

State Legal Actions: Defending Immigrant Rights

Advocating for Justice and Fairness

- Key Legal Actions Led by Attorney General Rob Bonta.

A focused overview of pivotal lawsuits, including efforts to uphold birthright citizenship and defend healthcare access to Dreamers, among others. These legal initiatives underscore the critical role of the justice system in safeguarding immigrant rights.



Protective Legal Actions Taken by California Attorney General Rob Bonta



Birthright Citizenship

- January 2025 – Attorney General Bonta co-led a lawsuit challenging President Trump's executive order aimed at ending birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants, arguing it violated the Fourteenth Amendment. The legal action asserted that states would be irreparably harmed if the policy took effect.
- July 2025 - a district court reaffirmed the nationwide injunction, ensuring the Trump's executive order remained blocked while the litigation proceeds.

Protecting healthcare access for Dreamers

January 2025 – Attorney General Bonta joined a multistate coalition to defend a Biden administration rule that made Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients eligible to participate in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace.

July 2025 – Attorney General Bonta sued the Trump administration for illegally sharing sensitive Medicaid recipient data with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration enforcement.

August 2025 - The legal action successfully secured a preliminary injunction to block the sharing of California's Medicaid data with federal immigration authorities.

Combating harmful Trump-era policies

July 2025 – Attorney General Bonta filed a lawsuit and secured a temporary court order against a Trump administration directive that restricted access to federal programs, like Head Start, for families in California and other states.

September 2025 - Attorney General Bonta secured a final ruling blocking the Trump administration from illegally withholding critical public safety funding from states. The funding was being illegally conditioned on state assistance with federal immigration enforcement.

Collaborative Actions Against Immigration Enforcement Challenges

Local Efforts:

- Over a dozen cities across Southern California have united in a legal effort against the Trump administration, alleging that recent immigration raids disproportionately target individuals based on race and ethnicity.
- Cities such as Pasadena, Santa Monica, Culver City, Pico Rivera, Montebello, Monterey Park, Long Beach, Pomona, South Gate, Lynwood, Huntington Park, Paramount, Bell Gardens, Beverly Hills, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Oxnard, West Hollywood, and Los Angeles County are partnering with the City of Los Angeles in their motion to intervene in the case of Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem.

Federal Efforts: U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (CA) Introduces Immigration-related Bills.

- The VISIBLE Act (Mask and ID Bill)- This legislation aims to enhance transparency and accountability for immigration enforcement officers during public-facing operations. The bill was prompted by reports of masked agents conducting enforcement activities from unmarked vehicles, which has intensified fear within communities.
- Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 (Green Card Bill) - This bill seeks to modernize an outdated provision of immigration law, creating a pathway to permanent residency for millions of long-term immigrants, including Dreamers and holders of Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Community Resources for Immigrant Support

Empowering Our Community Through Information

- Local Organizations Protecting Immigrant Rights, include: Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON), and ACLU of Southern California, among others.

These groups offer vital resources such as emergency hotlines, rapid response networks, and legal support. They also provide meaningful opportunities for community involvement – from volunteering and advocacy campaigns to public education and direct action.



CHIRLA
Coalition for Humane
Immigrant Rights



NDLON



ACLU

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Local Resources for Immigration Support

CHIRLA

- Immigrant Assistance Referral Line: 888-624-4752 (888-6-CHIRLA)
- Legal Assistance: 213-201-3797

NDLON

- Register for Adopt-a-Day-Labor-Corner Workshops: <https://ndlon.org/adopt-a-day-labor-corner/>
- Get Involved: <https://ndlon.org/resources/take-action-against-raids-and-concentration-camps/>

ACLU of Southern California

- Southern California Rapid Response Network
- Report ICE sightings for Los Angeles Area: 888-624-4752



Know Your Rights: What to Do If ICE Approaches

Essential Actions to Take

- Do not open the door without a judicial warrant
- Remain silent; don't disclose immigration status
- Document any ICE interactions safely
- Distribute "Know Your Rights" cards

Taking Action Together for Our Community

Collaborative Efforts for Advocacy and Support



- Support the vital work of local advocacy organizations that protect immigrant rights.
- Attend workshops and training sessions to learn about immigrant protections, legal rights, and how to respond to enforcement actions.
- Report misconduct and stay informed by knowing your rights.

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THANK YOU!

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