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SB 54 (De León) The California Values Act

PURPOSE

To protect the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations, separate families, and ultimately hurt California's economy.

BACKGROUND

The President's Executive Orders and the accompanying Department of Homeland Security memorandums outline a mass deportation strategy that will encompass a broad category of immigrants. These documents describe the federal government's plan to use local law enforcement as "force multipliers" for immigration enforcement, relying heavily on police to help deport the greatest number of people possible. Aggressive federal immigration enforcement strategies are already underway. ICE arrests in courthouses and outside of schools are alarming new trends that have had chilling effects in the immigrant community.

A relationship of trust between California's immigrant residents and our state and local agencies, including police, schools, and hospitals, is essential to carry out basic state and local functions. That trust is threatened when state and local agencies are involved in immigration enforcement.

Currently, at least 65-75% of all deportations nationwide are the result of collaboration between law enforcement agencies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP). This collaboration invokes widespread fear in immigrant communities. According to the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Chief of Police Charlie Beck recently reported that "sexual assault reports have dropped 25% among the city's Latino population since the beginning of 2017 compared with the same period last year, adding that reports of domestic violence have fallen by 10%."¹ For these reasons, it is necessary to evaluate the appropriate use of state and local resources for immigration enforcement purposes and recognize the devastating impact deportations have on a state with thousands of mixed status families, and a heavily immigrant workforce.

¹ Insecure Communities: Latino Perceptions of Police Involvement in Immigration Enforcement, Nik Theodore, Dep't of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago (May 2013)

PROPOSAL

The California Values Act will provide essential safeguards to ensure that police, schools, health facilities, and courts remain accessible to all Californians and that California's limited resources are not diverted to practices that undermine the public safety.

1. **Safe Zones**—California schools, health facilities, public libraries, and courthouses will remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration status. Each shall establish policies that limit immigration enforcement on their premises to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law.
2. **Limitations on law enforcement**—Senate Bill 54 prohibits law enforcement agencies (including school police and security departments) from using resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest people for immigration enforcement purposes. Restrictions include:
 - Inquiring into an individual's immigration status.
 - Detaining a person based on a hold request from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
 - Arresting a person based on a civil immigration warrant.
 - Participating in 287(g) agreements or any program that deputizes police as immigration agents.
 - Participating in border patrol activities, including warrantless searches.
 - Using immigration agents as interpreters.
3. **Notifications and Transfers**—Allows law enforcement to notify immigration authorities about individuals with certain offenses on their criminal records. Also allows for individuals to be transferred to immigration authorities, without a warrant, but only after being convicted of a crime. Both notifications and transfers will be subject to the crimes listed in a revised TRUST Act (2013).
4. **Taskforce Participation**—Local law enforcement will continue to be able to participate in multi-agency taskforces, such as those investigating human trafficking, cybersecurity, and drug trafficking, so long as immigration enforcement is not the primary purpose of the taskforce.

SUPPORT

Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors

Advancement Project

Alliance San Diego

American Academy of Pediatrics, California

American Civil Liberties Union of California

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - California

Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association

Asian Law Alliance

ASPIRE

Anti-Defamation League

Bill Wilson Center
California Academy of Family Physicians
California Adolescent Health Collaborative
CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates
California Association for Bilingual Education
California Calls
California Catholic Conference, Inc.
California Central Valley Journey for Justice
California Civil Liberties Advocacy
California Federation of Teachers
California Immigrant Policy Center
Californians for Justice Education Fund
California La Raza Lawyers Association
California Labor Federation
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California State Student Association
California Nurses Association
California Teachers Association
Californians Together Coalition
California Young Democrats
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Policy Initiatives
Central American Resource Center - Los Angeles
Centro Laboral de Graton
Children's Defense Fund - CA
Common Sense Kids Action
Contra Costa County Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council
Contra Costa's Family Economic Security Partnership
County of Alameda
County of Marin
County of Santa Clara
Courage Campaign
CREDO
Dream Team Los Angeles
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Dr. Ref Rodriguez, LAUSD Board Member
Drug Policy Alliance
Equality California
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles
Evergreen Teachers Association
Faith in the Valley
Filipino Youth Coalition
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region
Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California

Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance
La Raza Roundtable de California
La Raza Law Student Association of UC Davis Law School
Latino and Latina Roundtable
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
League of California Cities Latino Caucus
Legal Aid Association of California
Los Angeles Community College District
Los Angeles County Democratic Party
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic
Lutheran Office of Public Policy—California
Marin Human Rights Commission
Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles
Mayor Casillas Salas, City of Chula Vista
Mayor Cecilia Valdez, City of San Pablo
Mayor Christopher L. Cabaldon, City of West Sacramento
Mayor Jim B. Clarke, City of Culver City
Mayor John Heilman, City of West Hollywood
Mayor Kirsten Keith, City of Menlo Park
Mayor Libby Schaaf, City of Oakland
Mayor Miguel A. Pulido, City of Santa Ana
Mayor Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Mayor Susan Ornelas, City of Arcata
Mayor Ted Winterer, City of Santa Monica
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Mi Familia Vota
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
Monument Impact
Multi-faith Action Coalition
Muslim Student Association West
National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles
North County Immigration Task Force of San Diego
National Council of Jewish Women California
National Day Laborer Organizing Network
National Immigration Law Center
Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress
Nikkei Progressives
Orange County Immigrant Youth United
Our Family Coalition
PICO California
Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest
The Pride Law Firm
The Utility Reform Network
Redlands Area Democratic Club
San Diego Dream Team
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association
San Joaquin Immigrant Youth Collective
San Jose Evergreen Community College District
Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee
Santa Cruz County Immigrant Rights Project
SEIU UFCW
SEIU Local 1021
SEIU California
SEIU-USWW
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Somos Mayfair
South Asian Network
Tongan American Youth Foundation
Town of Portola Valley
The Children's Partnership
Training Occupational Development Educating Communities Legal Center
Unite Here
Utility Workers Union of America
Uplift
Village Connect, Inc.
Voices for Progress Education Fund
Warehouse Worker Resource Center
Western Center on Law and Poverty
YWCA Glendale

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