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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" of immigration agents, relying heavily on police to help them 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 carrying out basic state and local functions. That trust is threatened when state and local agencies are involved in immigration enforcement.

A report by the University of Illinois published in 2013 found that "70 percent of undocumented immigrants reported they are less likely to contact law enforcement authorities if they were victims of a crime." Furthermore, according to the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Chief of Police Charlie Beck has stated 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%. Similar decreases were not seen in reports of those crimes by other ethnic groups."¹

California is already familiar with the harmful effects of entangling local law enforcement agencies with immigration enforcement. Prior to its termination, the discredited "Secure Communities" program (S-Comm) operated in California as an indiscriminate mass

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)

deportation program at great cost to California both financially and otherwise. According to a report prepared by Justice Strategies in 2012, when the Secure Communities program was still active, California taxpayers spent an estimated \$65 million annually to detain people for ICE.²

Currently, at least 65-75% of all deportations nationwide are the result of collaboration between state or local law enforcement agencies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In many localities, ICE is allowed to interview inmates for immigration purposes, review inmate logs, and search jail computers to gather addresses to conduct home raids. This collaboration invokes widespread fear in immigrant communities. 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.

PROPOSAL

The California Values Act will provide essential safeguards to ensure that police, schools, health facilities, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life and that California's limited resources are directed to matters of greatest concern to state and local governments.

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. **Use of State/Local Resources**—State and local law enforcement agencies and school police and security departments will not engage in immigration enforcement. No state or local resources will be used to investigate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes. However, state and local law enforcement agencies can allow a person to be interviewed by ICE, transferred to ICE, and detained for ICE if there is a *judicial warrant*.
3. **Release Date Notifications**—Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report to the federal government release information of all serious and violent felons at least 60 days before they are released. Allows law enforcement to respond to notification requests from ICE for serious and violent felons.
4. **Taskforce Participation**—Local law enforcement will continue to be able to participate in multi-agency taskforces, such as those investigation human trafficking, cybersecurity, and drug trafficking, so long as immigration enforcement is not the primary purpose of the taskforce.

² See Judith Greene, "The Cost of Responding to Immigration Detainers in California," Justice Strategies Report, August 22, 2012.

SUPPORT

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Advancement Project
Alliance San Diego
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
American Civil Liberties Union of California
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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
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
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Courage Campaign
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Drug Policy Alliance
Equality California
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles
Evergreen Teachers Association
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Filipino Youth Coalition
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
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Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
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National Council of Jewish Women California
National Day Laborer Organizing Network
National Immigration Law Center

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Our Family Coalition
Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest
The Pride Law Firm
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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
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Tongan American Youth Foundation
Town of Portola Valley
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Training Occupational Development Educating Communities Legal Center
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