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ADVISORY ON ICE IMMIGRATION RAIDS BY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Word has reached the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has started implementation of a plan for mass deportation of undocumented immigrants and their families. Reports that DHS began carrying out arrests in Georgia, Texas and North Carolina surfaced during the New Year weekend.

The targets of these operations were adults and children who crossed the border without authorization since May 1, 2014 and who had been issued final orders of removal by an immigration court. DHS has indicated that there may be more enforcement actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the near future and that only felons and "individuals who constitute enforcement priorities, including families and unaccompanied children, will be removed."

Although there is no confirmation yet of ICE raids in Northern California, San Francisco residents have reported widespread fear and confusion about these immigration enforcement actions.

The detainment of both documented and undocumented individuals, including innocent women and children, is unconscionable. While DHS denies any political motivation for the mass deportations, removing vulnerable immigrants who are fleeing violence and other dangers is inhumane. Many of the children and individuals lack any protections and do not have access to legal information or assistance.

We are a nation and city of immigrants. The detention, deportation and dividing of innocent families is inhumane and not a reflection of the ideas that form the foundation of American principles and values.

This decision affects our neighbors, friends and loved ones. In alignment with our shared commitment to creating a safe place for all residents and workers, we urge the City of San Francisco to exercise its leadership in promoting family unity, justice and equal opportunity for all of America's people, regardless of status. We ask the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to call for an immediate halt of these blanket deportation acts.

We also ask DHS to stop the targeting of immigrants, cease the raids and seek more effective ways of identifying unauthorized felons and priority criminal offenders.

A list of resources and information for potentially affected individuals is attached to this advisory.



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The Immigrant Rights Commission is an appointed 15-member body that informs and advises the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and city officials on the wellbeing and integration of immigrants in San Francisco. Members of the Commission must be citizens of the United States and the majority must be immigrants. For more information on the IRC, contact the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs at civic.engagement@sfgov.org.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN CASE OF AN IMMIGRATION RAID

WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant or if you let them in. Tell them to pass the warrant under the door before you open.



REMAIN SILENT

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

***Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent".**



DO NOT SIGN

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



REPORT THE RAID!

Report immediately: UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423.

Take pictures, video and notes:
badge numbers, number of agents, exactly
what happened!



FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail - don't give up hope!

**REPORT ANY ICE
ACTIVITY IN YOUR CITY!
RAIDS OR CHECKPOINTS**



CALL 1-844-END-1ICE

OR

TEXT WATCHICE AT 877877



What to Do After a Raid:

Remember that both documented and undocumented persons have the following rights. Keep them in mind at all times:

- The right to make a phone call
- The right to speak to a lawyer
- The right to say nothing unless your lawyer is present
- The right to a hearing before an immigration judge.

Important Notes:

- Do NOT sign any document. If immigration/police tries to convince you to sign any document, you should refuse to do so. That document might allow them to deport you without giving you the opportunity to see an immigration advocate or your lawyer. Keep a receipt of any personal property that is confiscated.
- Report any incidents of raids or abuses/mistreatment by border patrol, INS, US Customs or police.
- Contact your local immigrant rights organization, or
- Immigration Law Enforcement Project: 956-425-9552, or the National Network of Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 510-465-1984.

Information compiled from the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, nnirr@nnirr.org

For Legal Assistance in San Francisco, Contact:

The Bar Association of San Francisco and the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative

Telephone: (415) 989-1616

Website: <http://www.sfbar.org/lawyerreferrals/immigration-lawyers.aspx>

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These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

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