
Resolution Condemning United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Deportation Raids

WHEREAS, The University of California is home to two-thousand undocumented students who seek to better their future and contribute to their communities and to the state of California;

WHEREAS, The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has recently announced and carried out massive raids across the United States to detain and deport undocumented individuals residing in the United States;

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has mandated that 34,000 beds in immigration detention be filled on a daily basis¹;

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration has deported a record-setting 2.3 million undocumented individuals since 2008--more than any other President of the United States; and, the Department of Homeland Security and ICE have also made an effort to deport 400,000 undocumented individuals per year;

WHEREAS, The State of California has the second-largest number of immigration facilities in the United States²;

WHEREAS, Current President of the University of California and former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano oversaw the operations of the US Immigration Customs and Enforcement from 2008 to 2012³;

WHEREAS, In 2013 President Napolitano allocated \$5 million initiative to aid undocumented students, and created an Undocumented Student Task Force, in response to pressure from undocumented students and organizers from across University of California campuses;

WHEREAS, ICE's Priority Enforcement Program builds upon the enforcement priorities set forth in the November 20, 2014 Memorandum from DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson entitled *Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants*;

WHEREAS, Immigration officers and attorneys are able to pursue removal of an undocumented individual not identified as a priority, provided, in the judgment of an ICE Field Office Director, removing such an undocumented individual would serve "an important federal interest"⁴;

WHEREAS, This recent wave of ICE deportations contradicts the Obama Administration's recent DAPA and DACA expansions purportedly intended to protect children refugees from deportation;

WHEREAS, The majority of the individuals who are targeted are children and families who seek asylum in the United States after experiencing histories of foreign intervention, ongoing violence, perpetual poverty, and/or political persecution in their nations of origin, and therefore ought to be considered refugees;

WHEREAS, Many of these histories of foreign intervention in these nations are perpetrated by the United States military, intelligence, and racist "War on Drugs" policies;

WHEREAS, A majority of the individuals targeted do not have a violent criminal record;

WHEREAS, These deportations endanger children, families, and individuals by sending them back to violent states;

¹ <http://www.immigrantjustice.org/eliminate-detention-bed-quota#.VpRHBjMrK9Y>

² <http://www.immigrationdetention.org/facilities/california/>

³ <http://thinkprogress.org/immigration/2013/11/01/2865501/president-napolitano-commits-funds-undocumented-students/>

⁴ https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/secure_communities/congressionalstatusreportfy104thquarter.pdf

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WHEREAS, ICE deportation of refugees violate the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, which forbids rendering of a true victim of persecution to his or her persecutor⁵;

WHEREAS, Consistent attacks and raids on the undocumented community have created a threatening and unsafe environment in California and across the nation;

WHEREAS, The University of California system purportedly provides a safe space for undocumented students to pursue higher education, improve their lives, and contribute to society, (President's Initiative on Undocumented Students?); and

WHEREAS, The ASUCR-UCSA has supported and advocated for increased financial aid through the California DREAM Act and increased resource centers for undocumented students;

WHEREAS, The ASUCR has historically and will continue to advocate for and support its students in these affected communities at all times;

WHEREAS, The University of California, Riverside has a substantial population of undocumented students of whom may or may not be directly or indirectly affected by these raids;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the ASUCR Senate denounces U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's continued targeted raids and attacks on undocumented communities across the state of California;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ASUCR Senate demands the University of California Police Department not engage in any form of collaboration with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the ASUCR Senate demands the University of California prohibit ICE from actively recruiting or participating in public activities on any of its campuses

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the ASUCR demands that Chancellor Wilcox issue a public statement reaffirming our students and reminding them of the

⁵ <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/v1crs.htm>