

Defend the CA Values Act Talking Points

Immigrants are a vital and inseparable part of our state and our local community. We must, and we will, stand up to bigots who recklessly target members of our community.

- All Californians deserve to be treated fairly by law enforcement, no matter their background, what they look like, or where they were born.
- Unless and until our country adopts immigration reform that allows millions of hardworking members of our communities to come out of the shadows, counties should not engage in the business of immigration enforcement.
- SB54 helps make our schools, hospitals, courthouses, and libraries safe spaces for everyone in our community – we do not need immigrant families fearing these spaces.

Right now, the federal government is persecuting immigrants, pressuring local law enforcement to help deport millions of people. When local police and sheriffs act as deportation agents, that further undermines trust and confidence in law enforcement. We need the immigrant community to trust local law enforcement, not live in fear that they will work with ICE.

- Law enforcement leaders and police chiefs throughout the country have recognized that community trust is key to community policing. But people are less likely to report crime when victims and witnesses fear they may be deported when they come in contact with local law enforcement.
 - For example, survivors of domestic violence who were arrested along with the person committing the abuse have then been turned over to ICE for deportation. In LA, reports of domestic violence and sexual assault [plummeted](#) among Latino/a/x residents of the city in comparison to the same time period the previous year. For sexual assault, reports dropped 25%; for domestic violence, reported dropped 10%.

SB 54 and stronger local ordinances are sound law and sound policy, and we expect all OC agencies to follow the law of California. This symbolic resolution is anti-immigrant and would be a waste of our local resources.

- California is fully within its rights to keep families together, respect due process rights, and protect against racial profiling by limiting the use of our resources to help Trump's deportation machine.
- It's wrong and wasteful to help the federal government deport millions of people who are part of our communities.
- No matter how much the Trump administration tries to bully our state, the Constitution is clear: the federal government cannot force local governments to do its dirty work. Court after court has confirmed this, despite baseless lawsuits from the Trump administration.
- All local governments must follow SB 54, which complies with federal law. No federal law requires local law enforcement to arrest or detain immigrants for deportation purposes.

Orange County Values our diverse immigrant community and we will not accept racist groups pushing their anti-immigrant agenda.

- As reported in the OC Register, OC cities have been receiving pressure from the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) , the litigation arm of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), which the Southern Poverty Law Center and Anti-Defamation League have designated as a hate group. FAIR leaders have ties to white supremacist groups and eugenicists and have made many racist statements.