

Resolution Urging Action Against Illegal Detentions, Racial Profiling, and ICE Abuses Targeting Immigrant Communities

WHEREAS, immigrant communities across California—including San Mateo County—are living under the shadow of increasingly aggressive and illegal actions by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including masked agents operating without proper identification, entering homes, shopping areas, and workplaces without judicial warrants, and detaining individuals—even during scheduled legal hearings—without due process; although no formal raids have yet been reported in San Mateo County, the climate of fear and intimidation created by these actions has deeply unsettled local immigrant families, spreading profound terror and mistrust across neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, in working-class communities like East Palo Alto, many Latino residents are expressing growing frustration and disillusionment with Democratic leadership, feeling that their voices and concerns are not being heard; recent reporting shows that support for Donald Trump rose during the 2024 election significantly in low-income cities across the Bay Area, including East Palo Alto—highlighting a growing disconnect that must be acknowledged and addressed; now more than ever, Democratic electeds and party members must show up consistently, listen with empathy, and take action to reaffirm our values and rebuild trust in communities most impacted by injustice;

WHEREAS, building long-term power and safety in communities of color will require the Democratic Party to formally collaborate with local grassroots organizations to co-sponsor trainings, coordinate community-led actions against ICE abuses, and amplify efforts already underway; such leadership must be matched by support for legislative solutions like SB 627, the No Secret Police Act, (Wiener and Arreguín), which prohibits local, state, and federal law enforcement from covering their faces during protests or community interactions, requires clear visible identification, and affirms the public's right to transparency and accountability in policing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee urges the California Democratic Party to forcefully and publicly denounce the illegal seizure, detention, and deportation of immigrants; to oppose racial profiling and constitutional violations targeting immigrants and communities of color, and to demand ICE and other law enforcement agencies follow lawful procedures, including the use of proper identification and judicial warrants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Central Committee members commit to being present in their communities, building bridges with grassroots allies, and taking visible, principled action to protect and defend immigrant rights at this critical time; we also strongly encourage all Democratic elected officials in or representing San Mateo County to do the same.

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