Protest Pro Tips

As protests continue to increase around the country and we see more militarized police responses from law enforcement and, in the case of LA, actual military deployment, we want to provide some quick information about protest rights and safety.

Know Your Rights

Use these ACLU resources to know what rights you have: Know Your Rights While Protesting- https://www.aclu-co.org/en/know-your-rights/protesters-rights

Immigrant Rights- https://www.aclu-co.org/en/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights

Importantly, you do not have to open your door if ICE comes knocking. They must have a warrant to enter, it must be signed by a judge, and every piece of information on the warrant must be correct before they can demonstrate that warrant's validity. Have them slide the warrant under the door or hold it up to a window so you do not have to open your home to them.

If protesting, remember to wear a mask to keep yourself healthy and cover your tattoos and identifiable features. This administration has repeatedly failed to respect our rights, meaning protesters need to prepare for potential repurcussions. All location tracking should be off on your phone. Ideally, do not take pictures. Even if you are not afraid of incriminating yourself, you may inadvertently harm or incriminate others at the event. Do not speak to police. If you are stopped by police, ask if you are being detained or if you are free to go. If they say you can go, do so quietly. If they say you are being detained, politely and firmly let them know you won't be answering any questions until you talk to a lawyer, even if they ask repeatedly. Remember to take care of your fellow protesters-bring water, snacks, or first-aid if you can.