



We Keep Us Safe: EMAC's Stockton & Central Valley Anti-Deportation Toolkit

Dear Community,

Our organization was created in response to increased ICE raids in Stockton during the Obama and first Trump era. Since then, we have been fighting to keep families together and to protect us from all forms of imprisonment, including from ICE. We believe in responding to these attacks on our community with facts and people power, not fear.

EMAC's mission is to help build safe and thriving Southeast Asian communities within the larger Asian American and Pacific Islander diaspora. We seek to fulfill this mission through community advocacy and civic engagement, providing culturally relevant resources, and cultivating the development of social empowerment through the expression of our values: transformative justice, culturally rooted healing, communal resiliency, and collective liberation.

This living document is updated regularly and was last updated on 7/24/25. All resources and information shared below are from trusted, credible, and corroborated sources only. We are also working to translate these resources.

We must—and will—stick together to keep us safe.

If you or a loved one is in need of assistance, you would like to volunteer to help us protect and serve our immigrant communities, and/or have resources or information to share, please contact us at: info@emacstockton.org.

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Empowering Marginalized Asian Communities
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Know Your Rights

All people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution.

During any law enforcement encounter, remember:

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Do not open the door without seeing a valid, signed warrant.
3. Ask for a lawyer before signing anything.

[The ILRC's Red Cards](#) is a wallet-sized resource with information and statements you can read to law enforcement. The Red Cards help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home.

You have constitutional rights:

- **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS** from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.

Red Card Statement Examples:

- I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
- I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

Print Your Own: [The artwork for printing your own cards is available at the bottom of this page.](#)

These are formatted as standard 3.5" by 2" business cards. Any print or copy shop should be able to work from these files. Translated versions are designed to support monolingual immigrants to translate their rights with immigration officers. We strongly recommend printing these with rounded corners and a coated finish for durability. You can also print them on your own personal printer.

Businesses, Private Attorneys, and Orders of 1000+: Order from www.RedCardOrders.com. This is a union-run printer set up to accept your order, print, and ship the cards directly to you. You will have to pay the printer for your order.

EMAC has Red Cards in Arabic, Chinese, English, Hmong, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer available at our office. Please contact us directly at: info@emacstockton.org.

- **If ICE Stops You in Public:** [Learn to exercise your right to remain silent](#), refuse a search when not detained and know how to interact with officers without escalating the situation. [\(Español\)](#)
- **If ICE Visits Your Home:** [Understand your rights regarding not opening your door](#) unless ICE has a valid search warrant signed by a judge, and how to handle encounters at your doorstep. [\(Español\)](#)
- **If ICE Comes to Your Workplace:** [Know your rights concerning ICE entering non-public areas of your workplace](#) and how to conduct yourself if approached or questioned by immigration officers. [\(Español\)](#)
- **If ICE Detains a Loved One:** [Quickly document details such as time and location of the detention](#), seek immediate legal assistance and reach out to community groups for support.

Sources: Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), Faith in The Valley (Valley Watch)

Reporting ICE Sightings



Thank you to our partners at [Faith in The Valley's Valley Watch](#) for these crucial resources. Reporting ICE activities promptly and accurately is vital to our efforts in protecting our community members. This section provides detailed information on how to effectively report sightings and incidents involving ICE, ensuring that everyone is prepared to respond appropriately. Here's what you can find in this section:

Immediate Actions and Resources:

- **Reporting Line:** If you witness or experience an ICE check-in, raid or any threatening actions toward immigrants or underrepresented community members, please call **559-206-0151**. Be ready to provide precise details such as location, description of the event and, if safe, a picture or video.
- **Text Alerts for ICE Sightings:** Updates on how to receive immediate alerts about ICE activities in your area coming soon.

How to Report Effectively:

- **Gather Critical Information:** Collect as much information as possible, including the exact location, description of what is happening and any visible identification of ICE agents.
- **Detailed Reporting Form:** Use our [Community Detainee Reporting Form](#) to document any ICE activities, providing critical details like the date, location and detainee information to facilitate timely support.

Resources for Reporting and Follow-Up:

- **Legal and Community Support:** Connect to trusted resources and accredited services through the [Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative \(CVIIC\)](#) and [ValleCentral.org](#).

- Emergency and Non-Emergency Protocols: Understand when and how to report urgent sightings and other incidents, distinguishing between situations that require immediate rapid response and those that need legal or social support.
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Legal Assistance

As ICE and Border Patrol enforcement activities increase across our communities, especially in the Central Valley, the need for comprehensive legal support has become increasingly critical. This section aims to arm you and your loved ones with the legal resources necessary to navigate these turbulent times effectively.

Here's what you can find:

Legal Assistance Links:

- To find out if you might be eligible for immigration benefits or relief, consult with a reputable immigration lawyer. Visit [AILA Lawyer Search](#), [Guías Para Inmigrantes](#) or [CVIIC's Guides for Immigrants](#) to connect with a lawyer in your area.
- Any community member can call the California Immigration Project (CIP) office at 916-241-3355 to schedule a consultation to speak to an attorney about their immigration case. CIP also offers regular KYR presentations and periodic asylum and naturalization clinics. Check our website or join our mailing list at our website: calimm.org to stay up to date.

Guides and Memos for Legal Aid:

- [This ILRC guide](#) provides advice on what immigrant families can do now. Find it in Spanish [here](#) and in Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Tagalog and Vietnamese [here](#).
- KIND Memo to Pro Bono Attorneys on Case Preparation for Enforcement Activities: [This comprehensive guide](#) equips volunteer attorneys with the knowledge to assist effectively in ICE-related cases.

Community-Based Legal Support:

- [ILRC's Immigration Preparedness Toolkit](#) helps you navigate the future. [\(Español\)](#)

Each resource listed here contributes to a collective effort to ensure that you have access to legal support and information to protect your rights and those of people around you. Staying informed and prepared is the first step toward safeguarding our communities against unjust and unforeseen actions.

Resources To Stay Safe

EMAC is currently working to provide much-needed Know Your Rights and Enforcement 101 workshops for our community coming very soon! Additionally, you can join us as an EMAC member if you would like to help us with our efforts to keep us safe and keep families together. Email us at: info@emacstockton.org for more information.

General Resources

- [The ILRC's Red Cards](#) help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home.
- [Faith in The Valley's Valley Watch](#)
- [This ILRC guide](#) provides advice on what immigrant families can do now for legal aid.
- [ILRC's Immigration Preparedness Toolkit](#) helps you navigate the future.
- [Report an incident of hate, discrimination, and/or bigotry in the 209](#). It's local, safe, and easy!
- [We Have Rights](#) - An empowerment campaign to prepare for and safely defend our rights during encounters with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE). Includes emergency plans, videos, and resources in multiple languages.
- [NorCal Resist's Calendar](#) - Training and workshop opportunities.
- [Download the NAKASEC Know Your Rights App](#) (Android & iOS)
- [ICE Out of California](#): Laws, Policies, and Resources
- Frontline Solidarity - [AFL-CIO Immigrant Defense Toolkit and Training](#)
- [The Sacramento Family Unity, Education, and Legal](#) (FUEL) Network for Immigrants is a coalition of over 80 local non-profits, religious organizations, law school immigration clinics, businesses, local pro bono attorneys, educators, and other community partners. The FUEL Network is dedicated to serving the legal, information, and health needs of Sacramento's immigrant and refugee population.
- [From Prison to ICE to Freedom: A Handbook for Immigrants Inside](#)
- [Asian Law Caucus: Community Education Resources: Workers' Rights](#)

Upcoming Workshops

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