



Legislative Fact Sheet



SB 54: California Values Act

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Issue

The Trump administration¹ has set immigration priorities to enlist local law enforcement as immigration enforcers, erect new detention facilities, discourage asylum seekers, and speed up the deportation process. President Trump has promised to deport 2 to 3 million undocumented immigrants. More than 160 people were arrested and detained in ICE raids conducted throughout Southern California in February of 2017. ICE's deportation practices² continue to violate principles of due process and probable cause, with immigrants languishing in detention for long periods without even seeing a judge. Deportations separate families and communities and damage public safety.

Bill Summary

Trust between California's immigrant residents and state and local agencies, including police, schools, and hospitals, is crucial to carrying out basic state and local services. That trust is threatened when state and local agencies are involved in immigration enforcement.

SB 54 would:

- Prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies, school police, and security departments from investigating, detaining, detecting, reporting, or arresting persons for immigration enforcement purposes.
- Prohibit state or local law enforcement agencies from detaining or transferring any person without a judicial warrant.
- Prohibit state agencies from collecting or sharing information from individuals unless necessary to perform agency duties.
- Require California schools, hospitals, and courthouses to remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of citizenship.

What is Being Asked of California Legislators?

- Support the California Values Act, because it will provide essential safeguards to ensure that police, schools, hospitals and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life, and that California's limited resources are directed to matters of greatest concern to state and local governments.
- Co-sponsor the bill by contacting Alexandra Salgado with the office of Senator Kevin De León at 916-651-4024 or Alexandra.Salgado@sen.ca.gov

¹ New York Times, New Trump Deportation Rules Allow Far More Expulsions, https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/21/us/politics/dhs-immigration-trump.html?_r=0 (2/21/2017).

² Advancing Justice Applauds Introductions of the CA Values Act (SB 54 - De Leon) to Protect Against Deportations, <http://advancingjustice-la.org/media-and-publications/press-releases/advancing-justice-applauds-introductions-ca-values-act-sb-54#.WNhkZ1XyvlU> (12/8/2016).