

#### TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION EXECUTIVE ORDERS & RESISTANCE TO THEM

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#### AGENDA

- I. Welcome Shiu-Ming Cheer, NILC
- II. Increased immigration enforcement & "sanctuary" cities – Mel Keaney, NILC
- III. Border issues Christian Ramirez, Alliance San Diego
- IV. Suspending visas from majority-Muslim countries & suspending refugee admissions Zahra Billoo, CAIR SF
- V. The future of DACA Ignacia Rodriguez, NILC
- VI. Q&A/Discussion (20 min)

# INCREASED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT & "SANCTUARY" CITIES

## NEW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

#### **Old Priorities:**

#### Mostly focused on individuals with certain convictions:

- Aggravated felony,
- "significant misdemeanor",
- People who entered or reentered without permission after 1/1/14,
- People ordered removed on or after 1/1/14, and
- People with gang-related convictions

#### **New Non-Prioritization**

## Vastly expanded list that includes:

 Anyone who initially entered without documents,

- Anyone with final removal order
  - Anyone "charged with any criminal offense, where such charge has not been resolved"
  - Anyone who "committed acts that constitute a chargeable offense"

#### EXPANSION OF ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

 Authorizes hiring of 10,000 new ICE officers – <u>tripling</u> of agency's size

Seeks to ramp up 287(g)

From PEP back to SCOMM

#### **BULLYING "SANCTUARY CITIES"**

- Defined in the EO as a place that "willfully refuses to comply with 8 U.S.C. 1373

- What is 1373?
- ?s That Remain:
  - 1. What funding is threatened?

2. How will the Secretary define "sanctuary city" for designation?

3. What is the enforcement action threatened and what does it mean to "prevent" or "hinder" enforcement of federal law?

## **BORDER ISSUES**

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER CLAIMS

•There has been a recent surge of undocumented immigrants at southern border.

 This is false. Irregular migration is at record low. Current migrants are seeking entry at ports of entry, pursuing legal paths for asylum and humanitarian parole.

They seek to harm Americans and engage in terrorist acts.

 Not based on any data; no known terrorist has entered through southern border.

 Undocumented immigration presents a "clear and present danger"

 "Clear and present danger" is standard set by Supreme Court to limit free speech.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER SEEKS TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE OPERATIONAL CONTROL

 Defines operational control as prevention of ALL unlawful entries, narcotics, and contraband.

 This is an impossible standard and is akin to asking police to prevent ALL crime.

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:**

• Construction of border wall using all available federal resources and study within 180 days that assesses, among other things, all available STATE resources to build wall.

• Raises question of how state resources will be identified and secured.

- More detention centers at or near the southern border.
- Further converts border communities into militarized zones.
- Detention of immigrants pending court proceedings.

 Appears to limit possibility of bond, which will separate parents from families, increasing trauma, financial hardship and dependency on cities and states.

• Return of asylum seekers to contiguous territory [Mexico] pending asylum proceedings.

- • Puts vulnerable populations from countries other than Mexico in distress in Mexico, an unfamiliar country, with few resources.
- • Puts Mexican asylum seekers in danger in the very country they flee from and may violate international law.

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:**

#### • Hiring of 5,000 more CBP agents.

- • Grows an agency that has extraordinary power to act without a warrant inside the US and is already the largest federal law enforcement agency in the country.
- • Hiring does not come with commensurate oversight and accountability for agency with a long track record of abuse and impunity.

•DHS outreach to state and local law enforcement agencies to enter into 287(g) or other agreements to perform the functions of immigration officers including "investigate, apprehend, and detain" under the direction and supervision of DHS Secretary.

•Usurps state and local authority. Undermines community trust in state and local law enforcement, which jeopardizes public safety.

•Expands expedited removal process, which is unreviewable decision making by DHS agents

• Fails to provide due process through a court proceeding, undermining core principles.

• Prioritizes enforcement in the border region.

• Increases the militarization of already militarized communities.

## **VISAS & REFUGEES**

# **FUTURE OF DACA**

#### **POSSIBLE SCENARIOS**

Scenario 1: DACA continues and affirmative promise by the administration not to end the program.

Scenario 2: DACA continues and no idea if administration plans to keep it.

Scenario 3: DACA ends and DACA and work permits valid until expiration

Scenario 4: DACA ends and DACA and work permits immediately invalidated

Unknown what will be done with the information applicants shared.

**Unknown how this may affect Advance Parole** 

#### **BE PREPARED**

-Know Your Rights

-If you're considering applying for DACA, consult an attorney or BIA Accredited Representative first. We recommend applying with representation.

- We recommend not traveling abroad but if you must, make sure it's a quick trip and have your BIA accredited representative or attorney on standby

-Be on the lookout for movement in Congress, such as the BRIDGE Act.

-Follow us, undocumedia, United We Dream and others for reliable, up to date information

# ACTIONS

Call the House of Representatives to voice opposition to the executive orders

**Text SOLIDARITY to 73179** and you will automatically be connected

#### **SOLIDARITY SELFIES**

Here's how to make a #SolidaritySelfie:

1) Write a short note on a piece of paper – something like "Refugees Welcome," "Here to Stay" or "I stand with immigrants"

2) Take a picture of yourself with the paper

3) Tweet the photo of yourself, along with a note, at @POTUS. Make sure to include the hashtag #SolidaritySelfie!

Sample tweets:

Walls, division, bans don't have a place in America. @POTUS seeks to divide us all. #SolidaritySelfie

@POTUS, you shut down government social media accounts but we won't be silenced. #SolidaritySelfie

We need Washington to get out of the way of the cities and states that support and protect immigrants #OurCitiesStandTall

"Trump is ruling through race-based terrorism" Together we stand up and defend our country and fight back. #NoBanNoWall



 NILC, CAP, Prof. Wong report on County Sanctuary Policies,

https://www.americanprogress.org/press/release/2017/01/2 6/297292/release-in-sanctuary-counties-crime-issignificantly-lower-and-economies-are-stronger-than-incomparable-nonsanctuary-ones-says-new-cap-nilc-report/

<u>https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/</u>

## **QUESTIONS?**

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