



# **RAIDS: WHAT IS HAPPENING & HOW TO RESPOND**

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# AGENDA

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- III. Georgia raids and response – Laura Rivera, Southern Poverty Law Center**
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- V. Los Angeles raids & response – Karla Navarrete, CHIRLA**
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# **OVERVIEW OF RAIDS**

# LOCATIONS

- **Areas in Georgia**
- **Austin**
- **Chicago**
- **Los Angeles**
- **New York**
- **Many other unconfirmed locations**





# TARGETED POPULATIONS: RHETORIC V. REALITY

## **ICE claims routine enforcement activities:**

- Outstanding criminal warrants
- Threats to public safety
- Prior removal orders

## **In reality:**

- Immigrants without criminal records through collateral arrests
- Workspaces

# **TACTICS EMPLOYED**

- **Majority of those arrested were arrested at home**
- **Some arrests at workplaces**
- **Mobile biometrics units**

# RESOURCES TO SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

**UWD hotline:** 1-844-363-1423.

## **Local hotlines:**

- LA raids response: 1-888-6CHIRLA (1-888-624-4752)
- LA Advancing Justice:
  - Chinese: (800) 520-2356
  - Korean: (800) 876-3640
  - Tagalog: (885) 380-2552
  - Thai: (800) 914-9583
  - Vietnamese: (880) 267-7395
  - Khmer: (800) 867-3126
  - English: (888) 349-9695
- Austin, Linea de Defensa Comunitaria: 512-270-1515
- NAKASEC: 1-844-500-DACA
- Others?

# **GEORGIA RAIDS & RESPONSE**

# GEORGIA RAIDS

- **Confirmed in:**
  - Atlanta
  - Savannah
  - Augusta
  - Moultrie
- **Tactics**
  - Agents used unmarked vehicles

# **AUSTIN RAIDS & RESPONSE**

# AUSTIN PRE-RESPONSE

- **Post Presidential election a number of non-profit entities (immigration related), private bar, educators, counselors and health care providers started a coalition: Texas Here To Stay. (January 2017)**
- **The Coalition had several meetings including break out meetings and started to conduct regular legal clinics in the area that provided KYR presentations and free consultations with immigration attorneys. (January 2017-present)**
- **Between 1/31/17 and 2/3/17 we received credible but non confirmed reports of widespread ICE action in Austin, TX.**
- **Our local AILA chapter initiated a questionnaire and call to action from local bar and resulted in a rapid Text Alert to immigration attorneys to be activated upon a widespread ICE action.**

# **AUSTIN RESPONSE CONTINUED**

- **City of Austin also responded to rumors and created 3000 KYR packets over night to sent to AISD families.**
- **What followed was a week of meetings and organizing around potential widespread enforcement action involving a widespread initiatives from faith based organizations, non-profits and city officials and many others to discern a plan for a response.**
- **Grassroots Leadership ramped up its call in line “la linea” to cover possible widespread ICE action (2/10/2017)**
- **Calls started to come in shortly after about targeted ICE actions.**
- **Confirmation from ICE that targeted action were occurring with a focus on people with prior orders of removal, criminal convictions and also non-priority orders.**



# AUSTIN RESPONSE

## CONTINUED

- **Grassroots Leadership was able to further ramp up ability to respond to call volume with bi-lingual volunteers. Focus was to assess ICE action and sent “sanctuary on the streets” volunteers to confirm any reported ICE action.**
- **Families, employers and friends were directed to attend a pop-up clinic organized via the text alert system and those with more generalized concerns directed to THTS clinic already planned on 2.13.17.**
- **The pop up clinic yielded 5 confirmed people detained by ICE and additional confirmation of ICE activities.**
- **The Clinic had AILA attorneys present and ACLU attorneys from the national office and state headquarters to help assess the activity, specifically looking to suppression issues.**
- **ACLU attorneys we understand may have visited nearby detention facilities.**

# AUSTIN RESPONSE

- **After intake assessment from all sources we believe that approximately 40-50 people were taken into custody over a 4-5 day period. Increased activity is reported throughout this weekend.**
- **Based on reports from the Mexican Consulate in Austin, a vast majority were Mexican Nationals**
- **Based on our pop-up consultations the remainder of people detained included a number of central American nationals, mostly from Honduras.**

# AUSTIN RESPONSE

**Based on Consultations and other confirmed sources we understand the following:**

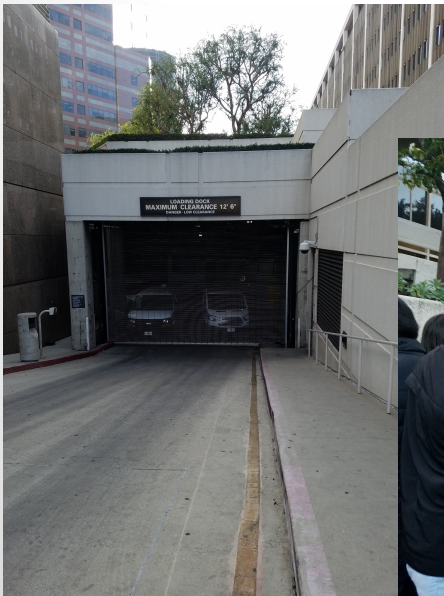
- 1. People targeted at their homes in apartment complexes.**
- 2. People targeted while leaving homes in the morning.**
- 3. Several folks targeted did have prior orders, but there was a definite drag net effect.**
- 4. We have reports of local police calling ICE to the scene of minor traffic incidents.**
- 5. Via I-35 and Rundberg Ln. and 183 several people were stopped and detained over the weekend.**
- 6. We received several unconfirmed reports of ICE entering private businesses “looking” and “questioning” people along the same north corridor.**
- 7. We also understand that ICE may have detained people near schools during AM drop off, prompting widespread fear and concern in the community.**

# **LOS ANGELES RAIDS & RESPONSE**

# RAIDS RESPONSE

Once we were able to confirm unusual ICE enforcement action we:

- Reached out to our Raids Rapid Response Network (RRRN) for confirmation and support
- Sent counsel to B-18 to see detainees and connect with families
- Planned an action at B-18





# ACTION FOLLOWING RAIDS

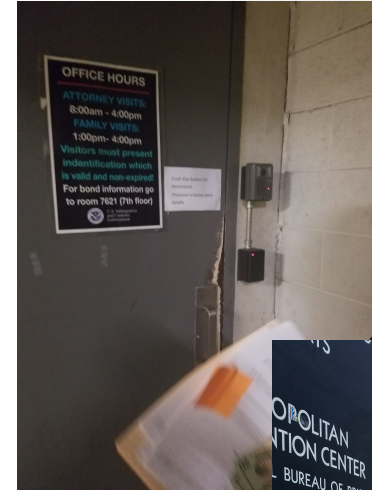


- Held press conference
- Held on going Know Your Rights trainings
- Held free legal consults for community members
- Documented the apprehension of other by ICE in the last few day to track locations and tactics



# LEGAL ACTION AS PART OF RRRN AND CHALLENGES

- We connected with attorney to see their client and got info regarding arrests
- Identified family of an individual who was collateral to an operation
- Challenges with ICE
- Collaboration with other organization, private attorneys, and consulate
- Transparency and Outcome



**WHAT YOU CAN DO**



# WHAT DO PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW?

- Everyone has basic rights, no matter who is president
  - Learn more about your rights and how to prepare for raids here: [www.nilc.org/knowyourrights](http://www.nilc.org/knowyourrights).
- **If you are worried ICE will arrest you, let the officer know if you have children, health problems, or other factors that may convince them to not arrest you.**

# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Call your representative in Congress and tell them you want these raids to stop immediately, 202-224-3121
- Call your mayor, governor, and local and state representatives and demand that they take steps to protect immigrant communities from attack by the Trump deportation force ([find your state and local elected officials here](#))
- Attend local marches and vigils opposing these raids. You can find information on local events [here](#).
- Report and document raids and arrests.

# **WHAT ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN DO**

# RESOURCES

- Know Your Rights info: [www.nilc.org/KnowYourRights](http://www.nilc.org/KnowYourRights)
- Rights During Immigration Raids - <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights/raids/>

# QUESTIONS?

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