Information about AB 450 / SB 723, a bill to increase collaboration between police and Immigration agents


This bill would:
- Loudly and publicly increase collaboration between police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to deport community members.
- Require that police turn over all undocumented people they encounter who have been charged with a crime to ICE for deportation.
- Sow fear of police in immigrant communities and sow confusion among police as to their role in enforcing immigration laws.

Our analysis:
- Because it would lead to increased collaboration between ICE and police, the bill would make undocumented victims of crime, domestic violence survivors, and their loved ones afraid to contact the police. We are all less safe when thousands of community members are afraid to report crimes.
- The bill encourages racial profiling and aims to turn every local police officer and public employee into an ICE agent.
- We need to advance policies that build trust between communities of color and the police. We need to completely separate local law enforcement from ICE. The job of local police is to keep us safe, not deport community members.
- This type of policy has been discredited. Hundreds of cities and states nationwide have passed laws limiting or ending collaboration between ICE and local police. This wave of opposition led to the November 2014 directive from President Obama limiting the circumstances in which police can detain people for ICE. AB 450 takes us backward.