

CHIRLA POLICY, ORGANIZING, ADVOCACY, & LITIGATION AGENDA

2024-2026

“IMMIGRATION IS NOT JUST THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, BUT THE MOVEMENT OF HOPES, DREAMS, AND ASPIRATIONS. IT IGNITES A FIRE WITHIN INDIVIDUALS TO STRIVE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.” – MALALA YOUSAFZAI



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MEETING THE MOMENT TO BUILD A STRONGER MOVEMENT

2024-2026 Advocacy, policy and litigation activities that the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) will undertake to defend immigrants and their families during the second Trump Administration.



1. **Policy-** enforcing and passing laws that advance the rights of our people
2. **Organize & Educate-** strengthen and grow our grassroots leadership base and deepen knowledge to exercise our human, civil, constitutional and labor rights
3. **Convene & Activate LA Raids Rapid Response Network & Participate in other Regional Hubs**
4. **Advocacy-** mobilization to our city halls, state capitals and DC & mass mobilization in the streets
5. **Litigation-** Fighting in the courts to defend immigrants from federal attacks

KNOW AND ENFORCE LAWS THAT PROTECT IMMIGRANTS IN CA

- Reinforce and exercise all State of California laws that protect the rights of immigrants. SB 600 (Pan, 2015): Strengthens the State's civil rights by including citizenship as form of discrimination in our state. Review any opportunity to further clarify or strengthen these policies.



INCREASE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND REMOVAL DEFENSE

- Augment funding at the state and local level for legal immigration services and know your rights community education and outreach programs.
- Secure \$10 million to expand from \$45 to \$55 million CDSS Immigration Legal Services available for community education and for deportation defense.
- Create a community education program to provide resources for immigrant serving organizations to massively expand know your immigration and labor rights (KYR) workshops across the state modeled after the "Stop the Hate" 3-year (2023-2025) \$110 million effort.
- Continue the "Stop the Hate" Hate Crimes education and support efforts by renewing the program
- **UPDATE (2/10/26)- \$50 million (\$25 million for legal services- \$25 million for litigation efforts)**
- **\$110 million "Stop the Hate" campaign to continue beyond 2025**



FEBRUARY. 28TH

UNDOCU-KNOWLEDGE SERIES: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

WORKSHOP: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1 PM - 2PM | ZOOM ID: 823 8998 0718



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LIMIT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION WITH ICE



- Prohibit the use of state and local resources for the purpose of immigration enforcement and detention. **UPDATE: Won LA Sanctuary Policy, moving in other regions SB, Riverside, etc)**
- Prevent 287g agreements from being formalized by local law enforcement in direct violation of California state laws. **UPDATE: fight against federal Anti Sanctuary Policy- HR32)**
- Prohibit United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from practicing coercive tactics such as pretending to be local law enforcement, parole officers or other safety personnel to arrest undocumented immigrants.
- Request that all state, county and local governments remind their workforce of the laws and policies that currently protect immigrants from discrimination and turning them over to ICE. **UPDATE: AG Bonta sent communications to all law enforcement agencies of our CA Values Act Legislation.**
- Prevent harm from happening to immigrant communities by opposing all policies that will rescind legal status and increase enforcement in our communities. **UPDATE: (DACA and TPS recission defense- currently in litigation)**

ENSURE IMMIGRANT CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- Clarify that all children of immigrants, regardless of immigration status, have access to K-12 education and provide school districts access to legal immigration services to support the immigration needs of their students and parents. Use California Department of Social Services (CDSS) student legal services program as a model for expansion to local school districts
- **UPDATE: We Are One Campaign with LAUSD, AB49 (Childcare Centers & K-12) & SB98 Sending Alerts to Parents Act**



DEFEND IMMIGRANT WORKERS

- Increase resources for worker rights education and restitution and ensure that any erosion of protection by the U.S. Department of Labor is met with an increase in support by the State of California wage and hour enforcement agencies.
- **UPDATE: EMPLEO hotline, Labor Commissioner Engagement to support on Workplace Enforcement**



STOP DETENTION CENTER EXPANSION

- Enforce all CA laws that close and hold accountable private immigration prisons
- Advocate against the opening of hard and soft-shell detention centers in California and throughout the country
- **UPDATE:** Will work with Assembly Member Juan Carillo Antelope Valley on opposing any expansion of Adelanto Facility



PROTECT REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

- Advocate in opposition to restrictions to refugee admissions and support the existing FEMA Shelter and Services Program by establishing the Destination Reception Services Program administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (OOR). This program, in coordination with local boards, would distribute matching grants to states, cities, and localities that are allocating funds to support new arrivals. Given that many cities and communities across the country lack the infrastructure and resources to effectively and humanely welcome newcomers.
- 1. Advocate in opposition to border closures and the restrictions on asylum Under a Trump Administration this will likely change but we can advocate through federal appropriations advocacy.
- 2. Refugee Resettlement Agencies defunded, Legal Orientation Programs defunded, Vulnerable Representation Programs in peril- RCUSA Litigation



LITIGATE TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

- Denaturalization
- 2030 Census
- Plyer vs. Doe- Access to Education (part of litigation defense preparation)
- Birthright Citizenship (EO stopped by courts)
- Ending DACA, TPS, Humanitarian Parole (active litigation)
- Ending Refugee Admissions Programs (active litigation)
- Ending NCVH Humanitarian Parole (active litigation trying to stop expedited removal)
- Alient Registration Act – Executive Order (in effect as of April 11, 2025 – in appeal)
- CINAS- Citizenship for Naturalization Service Grant Termination (in effect)
- Sanctuary Jurisdiction Protection (intervenor as of 2/11/25)



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- Stand strong for Municipal, County and State Protections for Immigrants! Send support letters or show up to speak on behalf of our immigrant community.
- Demand that Congress have Courage and Speak Up against the attacks
- Organize and engage in Rapid Response Networks
- Keep doing KYR presentations in person & virtual for everyone!
- Mobilize in the Streets:
 - March 31st, Delano, California – Statewide Mobilization
 - May 1, 2025 9:00 AM- One Struggle, One Fight, Workers Unite!



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Thank You!

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