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STATEMENT FROM REV. TERRY MELVIN

LA Protects Its Community From ICE CBTU opposes ICE raids in LA

On Monday, June 9th, the President of the United States has ordered the Marines to occupy Los Angeles. A foreign fighting force has been deployed on domestic soil. This was a result of the people of LA defending their community from being terrorized by ICE. The citizens united against the cruel and inhumane tactics of ICE and this government has repaid their solidarity with violence. We the people cannot stand silent. We at CBTU will not allow this injustice to go unnoticed.

Over the past few months, agents of ICE, under the direction of this President, have ripped mothers from their babies, deported legal residents, and even mistakenly detained a US Marshal. They have engaged in tactics similar to the Gestapo, disappearing citizens, targeting marginalized communities, and terrorizing the masses. The people of LA decided this wasn't going to happen in their backyard - from the grocery store worker to the governor, the people are united.

CBTU stands with the residents of LA and their government. ICE raids have terrorized our neighborhoods and traumatized our communities. The federal government is no longer behaving in the best interests of the people. Sending the Marines to Los Angeles is dangerous and jeopardizes the safety of both the people and the troops.

To quote Commander Amada:

“There’s a reason you separate military and the police. One fights the enemies of the state, the other serves and protects the people. When the military becomes both, then the enemies of the state tend to become the people”.