



SCCLRLA Official Statement Re Family Separations At The Border

The Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association (SCCLRLA) vehemently opposes the current Administration's policies towards children and families seeking refuge in our Country. These policies have allowed physical force to be used to tear infants and young children from the care of mothers and fathers. The trauma caused by these policies is evidenced by the screams of children who are incapable of comprehending the cruelty that they've been burdened with at such a young age. These policies are irresponsible and intolerable. The executive order Donald Trump signed on June 20, 2018, is a mere ploy to distract from the realities of the damage caused. There is no process by which the 2,000+ children currently detained will be reunited with their families, as such Donald Trump has done nothing.

It is now up to us, as a community, to challenge and undo the atrocities of the current Administration by bringing awareness to the issue and standing in solidarity with the organizations that are working tirelessly to correct these wrongs.

What Can We Do?

- June 30, 2018 @ 11 a.m.: Attend the Families Belong Together Rally & March [<https://act.moveon.org/event/families-belong-together/20086/signup/>]
- Donate to support families impacted at our borders through the following organizations:
 - Support Kids At The Border (donates to various groups working with children separated from their families-individual organizations identified in the link)--
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kidsattheborder>
 - Refugee and Immigrant Center For Education and Legal Services (RAICES)--
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/refugee-and-immigrant-center-for-education-and-legal-servi-1?refcode=NewLeadersCouncil>
 - Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)--
<https://www.maldef.org/donations/>
 - Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center-- <http://las-americas.org/get-involved-2/donate/>
- Support the Keep Families Together Act by calling your House Representative or Senator at (202) 224-3121
- Hashtag #keepfamielsttogether with every social media post

With hope and resiliency,

Susana Inda, 2018 President on behalf of
Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association