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Letters of Support

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Pomona Economic Opportunity Center

Providing employment, services and education for low-wage workers in Pomona and the Inland Empire



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Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Mayor Tim Sandoval
City Council, City of Pomona
505 S Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Our organization works to provide an opportunity for day laborers, household workers and other low-wage workers in the community to find safe work at a fair wage, to organize and advocate for themselves in relation to policies that impact their lives, to obtain new trades and skills that improve their employability and quality of life, and to improve the overall conditions for all immigrant workers.

This issue is of utmost importance to our members, who number in the hundreds, the majority of whom live in constant fear of detention and deportation. With the passage of this ordinance, our membership will have the peace of mind to know that at the very least, their city supports us and we do not have to worry about any city agency collaborating with the current administration's anti-immigrant agenda.

In addition to providing a safe location for workers to seek employment, we also help workers file wage claims, assist tenants in defending their housing rights, provide low-cost and no-cost immigration legal services, and continuously host "Know Your Rights" workshops. Helping our community understand their rights and responsibilities under SB 54 and this ordinance, supposing it passes, will be a fundamental part of our work in this upcoming year. A community whose members are organized and who know their rights is the best-protected community.

Furthermore, when our community is certain that the police are there to protect us rather than harm us, we all enjoy the benefits of enhanced public safety.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to unanimously approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Fernando Romero
Executive Director



The Latina / Latino Roundtable

613 N. Northcape Ave. • San Dimas, CA 91773

Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Mayor Tim Sandoval
City Council, City of Pomona
Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council,

On behalf of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley, I write to strongly support the SB-54 Compliance Ordinance that is currently being proposed by the ICE Out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

In previous years, our Latino and Latina Roundtable has collaborated with city council members and officials on issues that directly affect the rights of our Latino/a community and our diverse communities. As a result, as part of coalition efforts, we have been able to find common ground in supporting the rights of our immigrant and refugee families. As part of these efforts, Pomona became a national model for how to work with coalitions in developing a center for day laborers. In recognizing how immigrant families were being affected by checkpoints, the council took the lead in making important changes to the conducting of these checkpoints. In the course of this action, the council openly supported the passage of a bill allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a driver's license. In carrying out these actions, the council has ensured the rights, not only of the majority Latino community, but a large sector who are immigrants of all nationalities.

Now, with the introduction of the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance, the council is once again being asked to take the lead in being an example as to how SB 54 can be implemented on a local level. This request comes at a time when our immigrant communities are facing some of the deepest attacks on human rights in history. With the present administration doing away with Temporary Protective Status status for refugees from Nicaragua, Haiti, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, there is the reality that this status may not be renewed for 265,00 immigrants from Honduras and El Salvador who have been here for decades. We personally know families who live in Pomona who are being affected by these policies. We also know many DACA recipients from Pomona who are facing the reality that DACA may be terminated on March 5.

Under these conditions, the Pomona City Council can take the lead in supporting the intent of the California Values Act and ensure support for our vulnerable communities. This issue is very important to our membership that includes immigrants and the families of immigrants. We are fully in support of this ordinance and urge your unanimous approval.

Sincerely,

Jose Calderon, President of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley



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Pomona Valley Branch#1085B Village Indian Hill 1460 East Holt Avenue #142, Pomona, Calif. 91767

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City Council, City of Pomona
505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council, thank you for your leadership in this very important matter.

On behalf of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, we strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Pomona Valley NAACP represents many residents in the City of Pomona. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, who have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity in their community.

Given the escalation of the attacks on immigrant and refugee communities by the current administration, it is important that cities such as Pomona diligently enforce the provisions of the recently-approved California Values Act, and whenever possible, make extra efforts to protect vulnerable communities, such as through this ordinance.

The NAACP strongly believes that immigration "reform" cannot focus solely on enforcement but must address current and historic discrimination problems in our immigration system. The ordinance and SB 54 is a point of reference that will begin to address some of the immigration problems Statewide and in our city of Pomona.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jeanette EllisRoyston
Branch President



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Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council:

On behalf of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

St. Paul's is "a progressive Episcopal community that strives to live out Jesus' teaching both within ourselves and in the community." We believe that this teaching includes radical care for the immigrant and the foreigner among us. We represent about 150 individuals in the Pomona area. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, who have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

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Sincerely,

The Rev. T. Mark Hallahan
Rector

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Pomona
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Pomona CA 91767
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City Council, City of Pomona
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Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of The Pomona Valley Democratic Club, I am writing this letter to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Our organization represents 80 members in the City of Pomona. This issue is very important to our members, many of whom are themselves immigrants, have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

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We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Luis Juarez

President, Pomona Valley Democratic Club

UNITED POMONA VALLEY M.E.Ch.A.



Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán

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City Council, City of Pomona
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Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of United Pomona Valley Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (UPV-MEChA) Central, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition currently under consideration by the city council.

Our organization is dedicated to identifying and solving educational, political, and social problems, which the Chicano/Latino community may encounter and consists of five student group chapters in and out of the City of Pomona. Our chapters include: MEChA de Garey high school, Pomona high school, Ganesha high school, Cal Poly Pomona, and Mt. San Antonio College. This issue is very important to our members, many of whom are themselves immigrants, have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

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We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Fabián Pavón
Central Outreach Director
UPVMEChA Central



IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

November 29, 2017

Mayor Tim Sandoval
City Council, City of Pomona
505 S Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council:

On behalf of the Immigration Task Force of the Inland Empire, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Our Task Force provides legal and social services to immigrants in the City of Pomona and surrounding municipalities. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

Given the escalation of the attacks on immigrant and refugee communities by the current administration, it is important that cities such as Pomona diligently enforce the provisions of the recently approved California Values Act, and whenever possible, make extra efforts to protect vulnerable communities, such as through this ordinance.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely, 
Nancy Mintie
Co-Founder

Immigration Task Force of the Inland Empire, c/o Uncommon Good, 211 W. Foothill Blvd.,
Claremont, CA 91711

Endorsements (partial list): 909 Action Network, Claremont/Inland Valley Move On, dA Center for the Arts, Damage Control Action Network, Gente Organizada, Indivisible Claremont, Indivisible Pomona, Latino Round Table, Pomona Economic Opportunity Center, Pomona Valley Democratic Club, Puente Coalition for Sanctuary, SEIU 2015 Long Term Care Workers, United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 1428, Young Progressives Demanding Action

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Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council:

On behalf of United Voices of Pomona for Environmental Justice, we write to strongly support the SB54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and under consideration by the City Council.

Our organization works to promote environmental justice and to combat the way that working class communities of color are overburdened with pollution in the City of Pomona. While our focus has been on reducing toxins for the most vulnerable in the City, we are also concerned with removing other stressors, such as ICE, that add to a toxic environment and contribute to vulnerability and insecurity. Beyond the obvious negative impacts of separating and terrorizing families, the fear generated by ICE has significant effects on the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Furthermore, fear of our own law enforcement officials contributes to a climate in which the most vulnerable city residents, who often live in disenfranchised and neglected portions of the City, will and do not come forward with the information essential to empowering the City to protect those very same individuals and communities.

We believe that the City of Pomona is an important leader, with the power to influence and protect communities within the Inland Empire, Los Angeles County, Southern California, and the State. Our power rests in our capacity to act with integrity by demonstrating our value for and willingness to protect our own immigrant communities who contribute immensely to the vibrancy and vitality of our City. If Pomona is to demonstrate care for its communities, the City of Pomona must refuse to contract with federal deportation agencies and must refuse to use city funds and city staff to aid in immigration enforcement.

We urge you to diligently enforce the provisions of the recently-approved California Values Act, and to pass the SB54 Compliance Ordinance, as proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition, as a necessary measure to ensure the safety and well-being of the people of Pomona.

Finally, while we fully support the proposed ordinance, we feel that the concept of sanctuary needs to be expanded to include all of those currently oppressed, marginalized, impoverished, unsheltered, and criminalized. A city that truly values all of its residents will make every effort to protect them not only from deportation, but also from environmental toxins generated by irresponsible businesses, from lack of shelter, from police violence, and from the other social ills that afflict Pomona residents. To this end, we view the passage of the proposed SB54 Compliance Ordinance as a good step in the right direction, but we urge the council to take further action on these other important issues as well.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this significant issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,
United Voices of Pomona



November 28, 2017

To: Mayor Tim Sandoval
City Council, City of Pomona
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of Gente Organizada, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Gente Organizada is a community-led non-profit organization based in Pomona whose mission is to bring together generations to access, build, and wield their collective power to achieve educational, economic, and social justice in our communities. Gente works to help communities comprised of historically underrepresented, immigrant populations understand how they can become better engaged in our community. Through our work we have the privilege of working with hundreds of families in the City of Pomona. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, who have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

Given the escalation of the attacks on immigrant and refugee communities by the current administration, it is important that cities such as Pomona diligently enforce the provisions of the recently approved California Values Act, and whenever possible, make extra efforts to protect vulnerable communities, such as through this ordinance.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jesus Sanchez

Jesus Sanchez
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PADRES UNIDOS DE POMONA

November 28, 2017

To: Mayor Tim Sandoval
City Council, City of Pomona
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of the Padres Unidos de Pomona, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Padres Unidos de Pomona is a social action group made up of predominantly Latina mothers and includes fathers and community members in Pomona. We advocate on behalf of our children at the school district and city level. Padres Unidos de Pomona works to amplify the voice of undocumented parents in the city and ensure that they have a meaningful role at the school district, city, and community level. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, who have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

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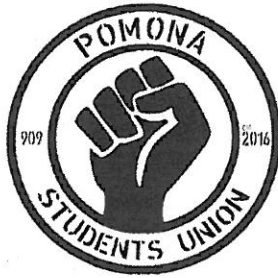
We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Evelia Rocha & Gabriela Cortez

Evelia Rocha
Steering Committee Member
Padres Unidos de Pomona

Gabriela Cortez
Organizer
Padres Unidos de Pomona



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505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council. On behalf of the Pomona Students Union, I write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

The Pomona Students Union (PSU) is youth led community action group whose mission is to empower Pomona Unified School District students to advocate for a healthy academic environment that allows our future leaders to grow. PSU works to amplify the youth voice in the city and ensure that young people have a meaningful role at the school district, city, and community level. This issue is very important to many of our members who themselves are immigrants, who have immigrants in their families, or who simply value justice and diversity.

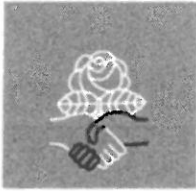
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We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Julianna Piña

Julianna Piña
Founder and Member
Pomona Students Union



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Democratic Socialists of America

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City Council, City of Pomona
505 S Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Support for SB54 Compliance Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sandoval and the Members of the Pomona City Council,

On behalf of the Democratic Socialists of America - Pomona Valley, we write to strongly support the SB 54 Compliance Ordinance currently being proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition and currently under consideration by the city council.

Precisely because we are socialists, that is, precisely because we support and fight for the right of all people to live wherever they wish with full civil rights, free of both political and social persecution, we support without reservation the ordinance proposed by the ICE out of Pomona Coalition. Likewise, since immigrant rights cannot be separated from labor rights, we stand in solidarity with Pomona's undocumented workers against any institution, governmental or otherwise, that seeks to bring them harm.

Although immigrant and refugee communities contribute much to our society, they are often the target of both legal and extralegal discrimination and oppression. Moreover, the rhetoric of the current administration, if nothing else, has amplified an already existing culture in which a large portion of our families and friends, our neighbors and co-workers, must live in fear. As such, it is necessary that cities such as Pomona diligently enforce the provisions of the recently-approved California Values Act, and whenever possible, make extra efforts to protect vulnerable communities, such as through this ordinance.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about this important issue, and again, urge you as a council to approve the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Democratic Socialists of America - Pomona Valley

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November 29, 2017

Mayor Tim Sandoval &
Pomona City Council
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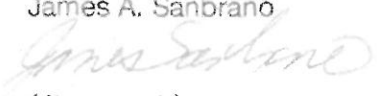
Re: Proposed Ordinance in Compliance with SB 54

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this letter as a former long time resident of Pomona and still having family members living in the City. I am writing in support of the proposed Ordinance that has been initiated by the ICE Out of Pomona Coalition. The Ordinance is simply for the purpose of assuring immigrants that live or do business in the City that SB 54 will be implemented to give them the protections that they are entitled to under state law.

Immigrants nationwide are under a state of siege from overly aggressive enforcement of federal immigration laws which are having devastating effects on families, schools and local economies. These enforcement practices have been declared by the state legislature to be in violation of California Values and therefore have enacted new laws to limit local police from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement agencies and the sharing of personal information with them via SB54. This is a matter of securing the trust of the people that their government is there to protect them and promote the public safety of all. Please vote to enact this city ordinance.

James A. Sanbrano



Attorney at Law