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SBVC is committed to safeguarding the personal and educational security of every student on our campus.

We will continue to work with local and state officials to monitor any developments and ensure our policies are aligned with these protections.

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Reporting Unlawful Activity by Federal Agents

Dear Neighbors,

California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom have announced a new online portal to help Californians report potentially unlawful conduct by federal agents operating in the state.

While federal agents have broad authority to enforce federal law, including immigration law, and no one should interfere with them while they carry out their duties, federal agents are required to act lawfully.

The new portal allows members of the public to submit photos, videos, and information to the California Department of Justice if they believe a federal agent or officer may have engaged in unlawful activity such as excessive force, misconduct, or other potentially illegal behavior. The goal is to help document incidents and protect the rights and safety of Californians.

If you believe a federal agent or officer is acting unlawfully, you can submit a report at: oag.ca.gov/ReportMisconduct

Please note that submitting information through this portal does not guarantee that the Attorney General will take specific action. By law, the Attorney General cannot represent individuals or provide legal advice, legal research, or legal analysis, including in immigration matters.

If you need legal assistance, you may contact a certified lawyer referral service through the State Bar of California at 1-866-442-2529 or visit LawHelpCA.org and select Find Legal Assistance to locate free or low-cost legal aid in your area.

Please feel free to contact my office at (909) 966-5090 with any questions or for assistance.

Sincerely,
Robert Garcia
Assemblymember, 50th District

[Learn more about Know Your Rights](#)

California Legislature Approves Bills to Establish Clear Identification and No Masking Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers - Senate Bill (SB) 805 & 627

September 12, 2025

Sacramento — Today, the California Legislature approved two bills to establish clear identification and no masking requirements for law enforcement officers to protect public safety and put an end to some of the most horrific and immoral immigration enforcement tactics used by the federal administration.

Senate Bill (SB) 805, the No Vigilantes Act, will require law enforcement officers to clearly identify themselves, and SB 627 will prohibit law enforcement officers from covering their faces while conducting operations, with limited exemptions, such as for medical or fire-related reasons. Together, the bills will help address growing public fear and the rise in law enforcement impersonation claims in recent months.

“The shameless cruelty with which armed, masked men are grabbing people off our streets, based on their race, the language they speak, or where they work is wrong and completely unjustifiable,” said Senator Lena Gonzalez, Chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus (D-Long Beach). “With these bills, we put a check on the growing abuses and direct attacks on our constitutional rights by this authoritarian administration. There are no secret police America, and like any public servant, they will be held to a higher standard of transparency and accountability for the safety and wellbeing of our communities.”

“The use of face coverings and the failure of law enforcement officers to clearly identify themselves during public interactions undermines transparency and contributes to fear and uncertainty in our communities. The AAPI Legislative Caucus supports these bills to protect immigrant families who have been subjected to these aggressive tactics,” said Assemblymember Mike Fong, Chair of the California AAPI Legislative Caucus.

“Masked agents shouldn’t be able to disappear people. If you are supposedly serving the people, we have a right to know who you are. SB 627 and SB 805 ensure ICE agents have the same accountability as any other public servant,” said Assemblymember Liz Ortega (D-San Leandro), Latino Caucus Northern California Vice Chair.

“As Vice Chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus, I am proud to support SB 627 & SB 805, which are a victory for transparency and public trust. Californians deserve to know that law enforcement officers act openly, not in secret, and these bills ensure accountability while keeping communities safe said Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale), Latino Caucus Southern California Vice Chair.

“The No Vigilantes Act will ensure all law enforcement will clearly display identifying information like name, badge number and agency. To rebuild public trust in law enforcement, we must be able to distinguish between actual law enforcement and people who may be police impersonators. The bill also ba bounty hunters from engaging in any form of immigration enforcement in California. I am grateful to my colleagues in the Latino Caucus and the Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus for prioritizing these critical bills and helping us get them to the Governor’s desk,” said Senator Sasha Renée Péré: (D-Pasadena).

“We have to stand up and say no to the secret police raining terror on communities across California,” said Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). “Law enforcement should never be easily confused with the guy in the ski mask robbing a liquor store, yet that’s what’s happening with ICE’s extreme masking. the face of rising fascism, California must hold those who are terrorizing our communities accountable and restore confidence in our local law enforceme who are proud to show their faces.”

For more information about the California Latino Legislative Caucus, please visit our website at latinocaucus.legislature.ca.gov.

Read The Article

Inland Coalition For Immigrant Justice Emergency Response Network (San Bernardino & Riverside Counties)

Hotline: 909-361-4588

Website: <http://ic4ij.org/>

Latest Developments Impacting Undocumented Students and Higher Ed: What Campuses Need to Know

Join us on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 12:00 PM ET for a timely webinar on the latest developments impacting undocumented students and campuses.

Register Here



Labor Laws

A set of labor law resources. These materials are designed to support our training, education, and compliance initiatives.

Labor Laws

A Message from Chancellor Sonya Christian

Like many of you, I spent the weekend closely following the unfolding news, and I begin this Monday with a renewed sense of resolve and purpose. In th face of what appears to be a series of federal actions—and potential actions—targeted at California, let’s remain steadfast, vigilant, connected, and resourceful in supporting our students.

Here are two specific issues I want to address:

ICE Raids in the LA area:

Over the weekend, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducted large-scale enforcement operations across Los Angeles—including the Fashik District, Compton, and Paramount—resulting in approximately 44 individuals arrested. These actions triggered widespread protests, some peaceful and others escalating into confrontations, with demonstrators blocking highways etc. The President authorized the deployment of 2000 National Guard troop without the request of the Governor. Governor Newsom called the move “purposefully inflammatory,” while LA Mayor Bass and local leaders condemne it as an unnecessary escalation.

Hundreds of protesters gathered outside of the Immigration Services building in San Francisco on Sunday, June 8th to rally in solidarity against ICE raids and deportations happening in Los Angeles and across California and the U.S.

Reports of Federal Funding reductions California Higher Ed:

On Friday, news media reported that the administration has launched a sweeping effort to identify and enact deep cuts to federal funding for California Targets reportedly include research grants to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems—institutions that collectively support tens of thousands of students.

Cutting these grants would have far-reaching consequences: UC campuses rely heavily on federal funding to pursue breakthroughs in health sciences, climate research, artificial intelligence, and public policy. Laboratories could shutter mid-project, graduate students might lose critical stipends, and faculty may be forced to delay or cancel promising work. Moreover, less federal support could weaken partnerships between campuses and private industry—partnerships that fuel entrepreneurship, job creation, and statewide economic growth.

What I Recommend -

While the ICE raids and resulting protests are concentrated in the Los Angeles area—where our colleagues at the L.A. community colleges are feeling th impact most directly—the emotional aftershocks are likely reverberating across the state. We know from experience that the impact of federal crackdown

doesn't stop at the businesses and neighborhoods directly affected. These tensions often spill over onto our campuses and into the lives of students who are working hard to build their futures.

Likewise, while the federal funding reductions appear to be aimed primarily at the UC and CSU systems, we must recognize the broader implications. Our colleges are deeply interconnected with the CSUs and UCs through shared students, faculty collaborations, and transfer pathways. When one segment is weakened, the ripple effects are felt across the entire educational ecosystem.

Here are a few recommendations as we move forward:

- Develop an internal briefing for your leadership teams to anticipate local impacts and coordinate communications. Messaging will vary across colleges and districts—some may choose to communicate through CEO updates to campus, others through student services teams or governance bodies. What's most important is that students and staff hear from us early, clearly, and compassionately.
- Strengthen coordination with local community-based organizations, legal aid groups, and mental health providers to ensure immediate support for students and staff. Consider opening safe spaces for conversation, offering “know your rights” sessions, and proactively sharing resources for those experiencing distress or needing legal guidance.
- Report any incidents or funding disruptions—including if students are being detained or programs affected—to Chris Ferguson in the Chancellor's Office. We also encourage you to inform your congressional representatives so that they have an accurate picture of what's happening on the ground.

Many are struggling with anxiety and fear and questioning whether they can continue their education. We recognize that our faculty and staff are often the first point of contact when a student is in distress. Our General Counsel has circulated guidance and resources to help support students impacted by enforcement activity, including how to respond to incidents on campus, what to do if federal agents request access to facilities, and where to refer students for help. ([Reminders and Resources](#)) We ask that every leadership team ensure this information is visible, accessible, and consistently shared.

Our General Counsel is in ongoing communication with both the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office. The Office of the General Counsel has also been in touch with your respective legal teams on specific issues to ensure alignment and support. If your team has any questions or specific needs, please feel free to reach out directly to Kathy Lynch or Jake Knapp—they're ready to assist.

Let's remain vigilant, connected, and compassionate in how we respond. These are the moments that define our commitment to equity, access, and student success.

We stand at the intersection of federal decisions and local mission. I appreciate your leadership as we navigate this dynamic landscape—together.

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Update to Legal Advisory - California Sanctuary Jurisdiction

The Office of the General Counsel previously issued a [legal advisory](#) relating to California's sanctuary jurisdiction created by Senate Bill (“SB”) 54, known as the California Values Act, and Assembly Bill (“AB”) 21. In response to recent federal activity in immigration enforcement, this guidance is intended to remind districts of their responsibilities under SB 54 and AB 21 and to provide multiple resources from Attorney General Bonta and others that may assist our community.

Read More

Sen. Reyes: Know Your Rights Webinar

California Senate Democrats

Watch on

IF ICE COMES TO CAMPUS

Federal Immigration Officials on Campus

1 Know what to do

If an immigration enforcement officer asks to enter a restricted area on campus, like a classroom in session, faculty/staff are in their legal right to:

2 Ask for Identification

Ask the officer for their name, ID and agency affiliation.

3 Notify Campus Police

Inform the officer that you are not obstructing their process, but need to contact SBCCD Police Department (909) 384-449

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President’s Statement:

As President of San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC), I want to reaffirm unwavering support and commitment to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for all members of our campus community.

SBVC has been committed and will remain steadfast in our commitment to support ALL members of our community, especially historically marginalized groups, such as our undocumented and LGBTQ+ communities.

It is important that you know: **SBVC stands with you.**

In alignment with our mission and core values, we remain resolute in our commitment to ensure students and employees feel safe, supported, and empowered to pursue their educational and personal goals. Together, we have the opportunity to promote a College environment where every member of our community feels at home.

In an effort to help address the confusion and fear of the unknown, we will make available “Know Your Rights” cards, red cards, trainings, mental health support, and make improvements to clearly define safe spaces. Further, SBVC updated the website to make resources much easier to locate on the home page. On our SBVC [website](#), you will find important resources and information as we closely monitor the situation. This website will be regularly updated as information evolves and details become available.

In addition, we launched a web portal called The [SALA](#) (Services Advancing Learning for All). In Spanish and numerous other languages, SALA means “living room” and we want our living room to represent the beautiful diversity that defines San Bernardino Valley College. The SALA will share information about upcoming training opportunities, support services, law enforcement protocols, community partnerships, financial aid updates, legislative updates, and the sources we are monitoring for information as it unfolds. We want our SALA to be a source of accurate and timely information.

To our undocumented students and those in need of support, we encourage you to take advantage of the following resources:

- Social
 - [SBVC Dreamers Resource Center \(DRC\)](#)
 - [Immigrants Rising](#)
 - [United We Dream Network](#)
 - [Informed Immigrant](#)
 - [Asian Americans Advancing Justice — Southern California](#)
 - [California Community Colleges — Undocumented Students](#)
- Legal
 - [TODEC Legal Center](#)
 - [CA Department of Social Services](#)
 - [Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights — Rise for DACA](#)
 - [National Immigration Law Center - Resources](#)
 - [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services — DACA Information](#)
 - [Immigration Legal Resource Center](#)

We want to reassure our community of the following:

- SBVC remains committed to fully protecting student records and personal information in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- SBVC will not turn over student information to immigration authorities without a legal mandate.

We will continue to update this page with more details, please check back for more resources.



