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STATEMENT FROM HELEN IRIS TORRES, CEO OF HOPE

Since this past Friday, as reports continue to emerge of ICE raids and detentions across Southern California, HOPE stands firm in our commitment to protecting families and promoting peace. These are not headlines to us—they are our neighbors, our friends, our community. We are learning more each day about the impact of these actions on families.

We urge our leaders to keep showing up—keeping the peace, staying informed, sharing resources, and supporting one another. We are proud of the many who continue to lead during this difficult time. In the face of disruption, we must not lose focus. Our priority is the well-being of families, local businesses, and communities that continue to bear the weight of these actions.

We encourage community members to know their rights and seek trusted resources. For factual information, visit [CHIRLA](#) and the [Los Angeles Public Library's Know Your Rights page](#).

Now is a time for unity, not division, for leadership rooted in empathy, not fear. HOPE remains committed to building an inclusive society where all families can thrive, feel safe, and be treated with dignity.

We see you. We are with you. And we will continue to rise—together.

In unity and hope,

Helen Iris Torres
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