



## ***“Close The Camps - Free Our Children”***

**WHO ARE WE?** - *Close the Camps - Free Our Children* is a Bay Area grassroots coalition drawn together by outrage at the horrific mistreatment of immigrants at our borders, particularly children. We are people of color, faith-based groups, community members, artists, citizens and non-citizens, attorneys, labor, activist, students, parents, allied organizations and concerned community members that are committed to closing the camps and freeing innocent children.

**WHY ARE WE PROTESTING?** - We are outraged at the inhumane conditions that exist at the detention centers. We are here to connect with those who share our outrage and to create the platform needed to enact change! We condemn the criminalization of migrants and refugees who are seeking a better life and we are taking action to bring about real immigration reform.

The recent killing of 22 people in El Paso, Texas, the majority of Mexican descent, also points to the direct connection between anti-immigrant sentiments and white-supremacist domestic terrorism. It is deplorable that the President of the United States continues to use inflammatory rhetoric to incite domestic terrorism against what he calls the “invasion” of immigrants. We stand in direct opposition to this divisive hate speech which is responsible for the killing of innocent U.S. citizens and Mexican nationals.

**WHAT IS TO BE DONE?** - On Sept 16, 2019 - Mexican Independence Day - we will protest and rally against the inhumane conditions and immoral policies that harm individuals, target immigrants and damage the fabric of our democracy. We will take direct action to bring attention and awareness to these issues, and demand action from our elected officials. We will present these demands to elected officials responsible for oversight and we will monitor the implementation in the months to come. Our policy demands include:

- 1. Close the camps NOW!** - Eliminate all contracts with private prison operators. Groups such as CoreCivic and Geo Group receive millions of dollars in contracts, and make huge profits for detaining immigrants and their children who are seeking asylum.
- 2. Free Our Children NOW!** - We demand the immediate release of our innocent children from cages that house them, and immediate reunification with their parents or relatives while awaiting asylum as per the nation's existing laws.

3. **Immediately eliminate section 1325 from the U.S Code** - Section 1325 from the U.S Code makes it a criminal violation to enter the United States without inspection, and is the legal basis for separating children.
4. **Full Amnesty NOW!** - Develop an immediate pathway for full citizenship for the millions of individuals living and contributing to this country. End the 3, 5, and 10 year ban that require the undocumented who might qualify for legal status to leave the country in order to fulfill becoming a citizen.
5. **Defend and expand Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED)** - We support asylum for all political refugees and we oppose the current Muslim Ban.
6. **Boycott companies providing services to Custom Border Patrol (CBP)** - More than 1,123 vendors collect over \$6.4 billion provide an array of goods and services including vehicles, food, furniture, and housekeeping, computers, and data collection software to CBP. A company such as Palantir took over \$41 million dollar in contracts to provide surveillance and is complicit in raids conducted by ICE.

We support and will coalesce with allied groups who continue to stand in opposition to the current administration's immigration policies. We support all actions to close ICE offices across the country, permanently!

### **September 16, 2019 Close the Camps - Free Our Children**

#### **Schedule of Actions**

11:00 AM RALLY at 24th & Mission Street

12:00 Noon MARCH to City Hall

1:00 PM RALLY at City Hall

3:00 PM Protest at ICE

3:00 PM Delegation to present DEMANDS to Congresswoman Pelosi

3:00 PM Delegation to present DEMANDS to Senator Feinstein

6:00 PM Mexican Independence Day Celebration & Rally at 24th & Mission Street

#### **Get Involved!**

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