

## **Worksafe Stands with Immigrants and Protestors**

This world is a rich, intricately interwoven fabric made up of many different cultures and histories, and the particular strengths of the U.S. and California directly result from this diversity of origin and experience. We unequivocally condemn any and all hateful anti-immigrant and anti-diversity rhetoric, which is so often weaponized to weaken the power of the people and the democracy that we have been building together in the U.S. a nation of immigrants and Native Americans, over the past 249 years.

At Worksafe, we are dedicated to championing every worker's rights and well-being. This means prioritizing workers frequently targeted for exploitation, including immigrant workers, and amplifying strong and sustainable communities.

It is irrefutable that California and the entire nation not only depend upon, but flourish from the contributions of people of color and immigrants to our culture, our society, and our economy. The same people lying about the contributions of undocumented immigrants (who pay \$8.5 billion to California in taxes per year in California alone, aside from their multitudinous other contributions) are the same ones enriching themselves by exploiting precarious citizenship status and by detaining people in for-profit detention centers. This status quo cannot be permitted to endure.

This administration has chosen to escalate its terror on communities, systematically sweeping through our cities with contempt for state sovereignty and individual rights. After decades of docility in the face of growing oligarchic power, excessive use of force, racial profiling, internet surveillance, harassment, and dehumanization of our neighbors, it is high time we address the poisonous roots that produce the horrors we see today.



Worksafe stands in solidarity with the amazing community of people coming together to exercise their lawful rights and take a stand against the corruption, lawlessness, and cynical lies of this administration, in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

This is a pivotal moment in history – an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how we have contributed to ongoing systemic cruelty towards our neighbors through our actions or through our silence – and then to imagine, research and participate in any and all interventions that we can. Don't let bullies convince you that your empathy is weakness or that your principles are naive. You can't change the system alone, and that's fine. We don't need heroes. We need teammates. Whether your contribution is large or small, together we can move mountains. Harm to one is harm to all. If we do not take a stand now, we may not get another chance.

To find out more about what you can do, we encourage you to visit our partners' guidances:

<u>CCIJ - California Rapid Response Networks</u> <u>National Immigrant Justice Center</u> <u>Immigrant Defense Project - Immigration Raids</u>