

Statement Condemning ICE Activity Across The Country

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29th, 2026 – The Associated Students Board of Directors condemns the unconstitutional and violent campaign currently being conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies against communities across our nation.

We call for the immediate termination of all ICE deployments, as well as transparent, independent criminal investigations into these killings.

This violence has claimed multiple innocent lives, harmed countless people, and destroyed families. “Individuals from Mexico and Central America comprise the largest demographic group of detainees who have died in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody, with a significant majority being male (over 90%). Black, Hispanic, and Native American individuals are also disproportionately affected by fatal encounters and abuse within detention centers, according to an analysis of immigration enforcement.” (KFF.org)¹ We remember and honor all those killed, including:

- ²Keith Porter Jr., a 43-year-old father and beloved community member, was fatally shot by an off-duty ICE agent at his home in Los Angeles during a New Year’s Eve celebration. Federal officials claim the shooting occurred after Porter fired a weapon at an agent who responded to reports of gunfire and fireworks in the apartment complex. Porter’s family disputes this account, stating that he was firing a rifle into the air in celebration and was instructed to drop the weapon without being given the opportunity to comply. ICE has not released the name of the agent involved.
- Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother and writer, was fatally shot in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 7th, 2026, by an ICE agent named Jonathan Ross. While officials have claimed the shooting was an act of self-defense, multiple analyses of video footage indicate that Good was driving away from the federal agents at the time she was killed.³

¹<https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/deaths-and-health-care-issues-in-ice-detention-centers-under-the-second-trump-administration/>

² https://www.democracynow.org/2026/1/13/keith_porter_jr_ice_shooting

³ Tim Stelloh “Renee Good was shot in the head, autopsy commissioned by her family finds” (NBC News, Jan 21, 2026)

- Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old ICU nurse, was fatally shot by multiple Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 24, 2026.⁴ Video footage and eyewitnesses show Pretti holding a phone and attempting to help others at the time he was shot. The county medical examiner later ruled his death a homicide. Federal administration officials falsely attempted to label Pretti a “domestic terrorist.” The agents involved in the shooting include Jesus Ochoa and Raymundo Gutierrez.⁵
- Linda Davis, a special education teacher in her first year at Herman W. Hesse K-8 School in Savannah, was killed Monday morning on her commute to school after a man fleeing ICE crashed a car into hers.⁶
⁷Local and federal authorities comment that it was a Guatemalan man who crashed his pickup truck into Davis’ car as he was fleeing a traffic stop by immigration officers.
- ⁸ICE operations have also raised serious concerns regarding the treatment of children and families. In one instance, 5-year-old Liam Ramos was used by federal agents to draw his father, Adrian Ramos, out of their home, resulting in the detention of both. The Ramos family had entered the United States legally through the asylum process and had complied with all court requirements prior to their detention.
- Similarly, 10-year-old Elizabeth Zuna Caisaguano, whose family was also in the United States through asylum proceedings, was detained alongside her mother after being picked up from school. Federal Agents told the Caisaguano family that Elizabeth and her mother would return; instead, the pair was transferred to a Texas detention facility.⁹

⁴ Jacob Phillips Who was Alex Pretti, the intensive care nurse shot dead in Minneapolis? (BBC, Jan 28, 2026)

⁵ Rhian Lubin, “Two agents involved in Alex Pretti’s fatal shooting are identified as CBP veterans: report” (Independent, Feb 2, 2026) <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/alex-pretti-shooter-identified-ice-minnesota-b2912239.html>

⁶ Ebrahimji, Alisha. 2026. “A Teacher Who ‘Made You Feel like You Mattered’ Was Killed near Her School after a Man Fleeing ICE Crashed a Car into Hers.” CNN. February 17, 2026. <https://www.cnn.com/2026/02/17/us/linda-davis-ice-savannah-ga>.

⁷ News, PBS. 2026. “Cherished Teacher Linda Davis Mourned after Deadly Crash with Driver Fleeing ICE.” PBS News. February 20, 2026. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/cherished-teacher-linda-davis-mourned-after-deadly-crash-with-driver-fleeing-from-ice>.

⁸ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/liam-conejo-ramos-worries-detained-ice-again-parents-say/>

⁹ Sam Levin, “Minnesota girl, 10, released from ICE custody after a month in detention” (The Guardian, Feb 4, 2026) <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/feb/04/minnesota-ice-immigration-elizabeth-caisaguano#:~:text=Elizabeth%20and%20her%20mother%20were,the%20region%2C%20school%20leaders%20said>.

Although the atrocities committed by ICE have been at the forefront of the news cycle recently, the agency has a longstanding history of rights violations. ICE was created through the Homeland Security Act of 2002, following 9/11 (USAFacts, 2024).¹⁰ In response, Congress established the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2003 to consolidate federal agencies responsible for national security, immigration enforcement, and emergency response ((ICE, 2009n res).¹¹ ICE has more than 20,000 law enforcement officers and support personnel across

more than 400 offices in the U.S. ((USAFacts, 2024)) The agency's annual budget has historically been approximately \$8 billion, but this funding has increased to \$45 billion following the creation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a Trump era legislation package, ICE currently operates more than 212 active detentions facilities and with over 3 million detainees processed 2014 to 2024. With Trump's second term, the number of active detentions increased by 91% ((USAFacts, 2024).¹²

In addition to its rapid expansion of this enforcement power, there have been consistent failures of transparency and accountability when responding to human rights concerns.¹³ In 2013, the Government Accountability Office reported that officials at immigration prisons and jails forwarded only 40% of sexual abuse allegations to ICE headquarters. After examining 10 detention centers and more than 70 reported cases of sexual abuse, researchers found that only 7% of allegations reported between 2009 and 2013 were substantiated as of 2015, raising concerns over the investigation process.

¹⁴In response to sexual abuse in detention settings, Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in 2003 to establish standards for prevention and response to sexual assault in prisons. It took the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) until 2014 to finalize regulations implementing PREA. However, DHS did not fully implement PREA within immigration detention facilities until 2014.

¹⁰ <https://usafacts.org/articles/what-is-ice-and-what-does-it-do/>

¹¹ <https://usafacts.org/articles/what-is-ice-and-what-does-it-do/>

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¹³ "ICE Detention Center Says It's Not Responsible for Staff's Sexual Abuse of Detainees | News & Commentary." 2018. American Civil Liberties Union. November 5, 2018. <https://www.aclu.org/news/immigrants-rights/ice-detention-center-says-its-not-responsible>.

¹⁴ "ICE Detention Center Says It's Not Responsible for Staff's Sexual Abuse of Detainees | News & Commentary." 2018. American Civil Liberties Union. November 5, 2018. <https://www.aclu.org/news/immigrants-rights/ice-detention-center-says-its-not-responsible>.

¹⁵By December of 2020, more than 40 women detained in ICE facilities had submitted written testimonies stating they received unnecessary medical procedures while in custody, including forced sterilization. Attorneys representing these survivors reported that some of the women faced retaliation for coming forward, including deportation. According to those attorneys, complaints regarding these retaliatory practices have been raised with ICE as early as 2018.

ICE agents in detention centers have harmed and deprived detainees of basic human needs. This past year, 32 people have died in ICE custody, making it the agency's deadliest year in more than two decades.¹⁶ Approximately 95% of deaths in detention camps have been deemed preventable or potentially preventable.¹⁷ Many deaths have occurred due to failure in medical and mental health care, lack of professionalism within medical staff, failure to provide emergency care on time, etc. Conditions in detention centers, like in Fort Bliss, the largest immigration detention center in the U.S., have continuously been inhumane. There are many reports of food shortages and medical care within the facility.¹⁸ People are forced to skip meals or share with others when there is food available. Food has also reportedly been spoiled or not properly cooked, resulting in people getting sick. This has caused rapid weight loss in many individuals. Basic hygiene supplies have also been deprived, as many individuals go days without soap, lack access to functioning showers, and receive only a handful of sheets of toilet paper. Bathrooms in Fort Bliss are seemingly unhygienic, with reports of foul water in the bathrooms mixed with urine and feces. People with medical issues that need medical care are going days or weeks without their prescribed medication, and their medical requests are being ignored. Regarding menstrual care, many different ICE facilities are currently not following federal

¹⁵ Manian, Maya . 2020. "Immigration Detention and Coerced Sterilization: History Tragically Repeats Itself." American Civil Liberties Union, September 29, 2020.

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¹⁶ Maanvi Singh, Coral Murphy Marcos, and Charlotte Simmonds, "2025 Was ICE's Deadliest Year in Two Decades. Here Are the 31 People Who Died in Custody," the Guardian (The Guardian, January 4, 2026),

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¹⁷ Eunice Cho, "95 Percent of Deaths in ICE Detention Could Likely Have Been Prevented with Adequate Medical Care: Report | American Civil Liberties Union," American Civil Liberties Union, June 25, 2024,

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¹⁸ Haddy Gassama, "Immigrants Detained at Fort Bliss in Texas Report Abuse and Inhumane Conditions," American Civil Liberties Union, December 8, 2025,

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policies that mandates for menstrual products to be available at all times.¹⁹ This has caused women and transgender individuals to lack access to menstrual needs. Facilities are limiting the number of pads or tampons that people can access each month, causing many to bleed through their clothes or use anything else that they can get their hands on (toilet paper, dirty rags, filling from mattresses).

The students of San Francisco State University are known for not staying complacent. Our long history of social justice-forward activism has created a standard for our student body to be a voice of change. As a result of the recent escalations at the hands of ICE's aggression and brutality, some student organizations have stepped up to make it clear that ICE is not welcome on our campus. We acknowledge the formation of the **Defend Immigrant Students Coalition**, made up of: I.D.E.A.S.²⁰, Gabriela²¹, M.E.L.A.²², Student Union²³, Resist-US Led War²⁴, La Raza²⁵, Y.D.S.A.²⁶, Haüs Blaque²⁷, G.U.P.S.²⁸, and L.F.S.²⁹ We applaud their willingness to stand up for undocumented, mixed-status, and other marginalized groups being targeted by ICE.

We recognize that these detentions are unjust. In most cases of immigrants being detained in detention centers, misdemeanor offenses are being used as an excuse to detain individuals. Even though 93% of detainees have no violent criminal record, and 73% have no criminal history at all,³⁰ The actions taken by federal agents are a betrayal of the fundamental rights of people in the United States, regardless of citizenship status. We will not stop organizing, advocating, and demanding accountability until our communities are safe.

¹⁹ Candice Norwood, "People in ICE Detention Struggle to Access Period Products, despite Rules to Provide Them," The 19th, February 5, 2026, <https://19thnews.org/2026/02/ice-facilities-federal-prisons-menstrual-products/>.

²⁰ <https://www.instagram.com/ideassfsu/>

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