

Resolution Decrying Trump Administration Requirements that Religious Institutions Cooperate with ICE

WHEREAS the Trump Administration has demanded that religious institutions receiving funds under the NSGP cooperate with ICE raids, that they not engage in any program which assists illegal immigrants, and that they cease operating any programs which involve any aspects of promoting diversity, equity or inclusion, and

WHEREAS the Trump administration has subverted the NSGP (Non-profit Security Grant Program), which funds cameras, reinforced doors, bullet proof glass, and guards at houses of worship and community centers including synagogues, LGBTQ centers, schools, reproductive rights centers, and any non-profit across California at risk of hate-motivated violence, and other religious institutions, by demanding that these institutions, in Santa Clara County and nationally, provide ICE with these tools intended to provide security for religious centers that are under increased hate and attacks such as the recent killings at the Annunciation Catholic school in Minneapolis Minnesota, killing 2 children and wounding 17, including 14 children. Also in 2025, a woman opened fire during Sunday services injuring two people and a man used a semi automatic weapon targeting a Church in Haymarket Virginia, and a shooting that damaged windows at a Catholic Church in San Francisco.

WHEREAS increased targeting of religious institutions which was in part addressed by increased security at religious sites is a fundamental threat to our democracy; with increased targeting of many communities by the Trump administration, security for the most at risk communities will be harmed significantly. With the resultant increase in hate, religious communities who have historically sheltered and currently shelter immigrants, refugees, and other religious and non religious communities in need will be at much higher risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara Democratic Party asks Senator Schiff, Senator Padilla, Representative Khanna and Representative Liccardo to use all the tools available to them to oppose this attempt to hijack the NSGP in the service of a partisan ideological crusade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party, in our counties, state, and nationally, object in the strongest of terms the attempted takeover of religious institutions by ICE operatives, and will ask our elected Democratic leaders to submit letters to decry this authoritarian attack.

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