



Fighting for America

There is no way to get around it, Pam Bondi's dismal Congressional testimony this past week reiterates just how corrupt and weak this administration continues to be. Layer onto that public and not so public actions of ICE across the country wreaking havoc against us, our neighbors, and friends. While things may seem grim, there is still hope. That hope is our activism, whether it is walking out to protest ICE or distributing ICE protest rally towels to Super Bowl goers.

Resistance to the New Secret Police

All throughout history, people have had to stand up to secret police forces that thought they were above the law. Be it the Stasi in East Germany, dictators' spies in Latin America, or just plain old political bullies anywhere, everyday folks looking out for each other pushed back by shining a light on their atrocities and refusing to be scared into silence. That kind of courage is exactly what kept democracy alive.

We are now seeing echoes of that same struggle here at home. ICE has acted for too long like they answer to no one, tearing families apart, targeting communities of color, and hiding behind "policy" to justify cruelty. These actions made without accountability are straight out of the same authoritarian playbook we've seen throughout history and we know how dangerous it is to ignore it.

Don't fret! Here in Santa Clara County, we're saying enough. We believe in a community built on compassion, not fear. Standing up to ICE isn't radical. It's standing up for basic human rights and the idea that every person deserves dignity, no matter where they were born. When we resist these abuses, we're not just protecting immigrants; we're defending democracy itself.

Students Across the Bay Area Walk Out



*Palo Alto High School Youth protesting ICE in front of Town and Country Village.
Photo Credit: Jiayan Sun*

On February 3rd, as the 6th-period bell rang, Melody Xu, along with over 1,000 of her fellow students, left their classes to gather in front of Palo Alto High School. They were part of one of many Bay Area high school walkouts (with thousands more students) protesting the ICE killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. According to Melody, the protest was organized in just five days, with student leaders spreading the word through social media and word of mouth.

Melody also travelled with her classmates to the San Francisco “Ice Out” protest, an event organized and attended by Bay Area youths. She believes both protests showed a powerful example of the importance of nonviolent disruption, as the massive turnout proves that the Trump administration will not be able to sweep these killings under the rug. As a person of color, Melody knows that the only way to protect yourself is to protect everyone. “Protests like these show why everyone, young and old, need to get engaged. We have to act now to protect our most vulnerable.”

“ICE OUT” Towels Distributed to Thousands of Super Bowl Attendees



Our SCCDP leadership team and over eighty volunteers partnered with the Washington State Democrats and the [artist/musician collective “Contra ICE”](#) to distribute 15,000

“ICE OUT” towels to Super Bowl fans as they streamed toward Levi Stadium. The [towels](#) were designed by renowned cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz and featured an illustration of a “Bad Bunny” kicking a football encased in a block of ICE. Volunteers, armed with hundreds of these rally towels, were dropped off in teams at transit stops and along walkways to the stadium to hand out to Super Bowl attendees.

Stadium security undertook to aggressively confiscate the towels from fans as they entered, but smuggling a towel in became its own subversive act of resistance and many towels made it into the stadium and appeared in [media reports](#), [social media feeds](#), and even on national TV in the stands behind the goal posts as the Seahawks kicked some of their many field goals. Furthermore, thousands more towels were distributed and on display in Seattle, at the [Seahawks’ victory parade](#).

There was great energy and the action brought volunteers from Seattle to LA and throughout the Bay Area, proving that when we fight together, we can win.



Under The Radar:

The Trump Administration and the GOP can't hide. Here's some stories we want to keep track of - and you don't want to miss!

Trump's Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick was deeply involved with Epstein - and lied about it. <https://popular.info/p/trump-cabinet-member-ensnared-in>

Steve Bannon, once an advisor to Trump, was going to help “reform” Jeffrey Epstein (funny how Bannon was invited to speak at TPUSA). <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/feb/05/steve-bannon-jeffrey-epstein-files-interview>

The increasingly senile Trump won't talk to a member of the Polish government over so-called insults. <https://apnews.com/article/poland-united-states-ambassador-diplomacy-trump-bc313e08213ebd4e5284a375f7a4cedd>

ICE tear gassed kids. But then again we know what the GOP really thinks of kids. <https://www.theverge.com/policy/872783/tear-gas-children-portland-ice-labor>

Trump's buddy Musk is under investigation as his Grok AI makes child porn.
<https://abcnews.com/Technology/wireStory/paris-prosecutors-raid-offices-part-investigation-child-abuse-129807011>

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