**BACKGROUND**

ICE has been engaging in ruses and predatory tactics against residents of California which are inconsistent with our core values. There is institutional racism that unfairly targets Latinos. 95% of all immigrants apprehended by ICE are Latino, which has created a culture of fear. Previous legislation addresses the tactics of ICE misrepresenting themselves as California Peace Officers.

Such ruses employed by ICE have been sanctioned by the Executive Order on Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of The United States issued on January 25th, 2017. This Executive Order gives more authority to ICE to use all agencies including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Department of Labor in assisting in arrests.

ICE has been known to impersonate OSHA in attempts to round up those deemed to meet the profile of deportation; acts like holding fake OSHA training sessions to lure vulnerable individuals to make the arrest.

In addition, ICE continues to use language barriers and wear police uniforms to trick immigrants into doing what they want. Ruses like blaming their ability to understand their instructions due to a supposed language barrier to justify their behavior.

AB 1440(Kalra) 2017 makes it clear that ICE as an agency is not associated with California Peace Officers, but it does not stop them from the deceitful practice of wearing uniforms that falsely identify them as local law enforcement. Scare tactics like these undermine the authority and trust we have place in those entrusted to keep our communities safe.

Predatory ruses like these create an atmosphere of distrust between our residents, their employers and the various agencies and institutions they have trusted with their safety. Such unfair practices foster the culture of fear that California has worked hard to end. Unfortunately the executive order on Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of The United States by the current administration encourages these immoral practices.

**CURRENT LAW**

- AB 1440(Kalra) 2017, states that US Immigration officials and ICE are not California Peace Officers.
- SB 54(De León) 2017 ends information sharing of immigration status between local law enforcement and ICE.

**THIS AJR**

- Urges the Federal Government to stop using ruses against immigrants.
- Urges the Federal Government to revise the tactics used by ICE.
- Urges the Federal Government to cease the unjust detention of undocumented immigrants.
- Urges the Federal Government to end blanket raids against individuals thought to be without documents.
- Urges the Federal Government to adopt a standard uniform for ICE which clearly identifies them as ICE when operating in California.

**STATUS**

July 2, 2019- Enrolled; Res. Chapter 104, Statutes of 2019

**Contact**

Lamont Gordon
Lamont.Gordon@asm.ca.gov
Office of Assemblymember Garcia
916-319-2058