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24 UNITED FARM WORKERS;  
COALITION FOR HUMANE  
25 IMMIGRANT RIGHTS; IMMIGRANT  
DEFENDERS LAW CENTER,

26 Plaintiffs,

27 v.  
28

Case No.: 2:25-cv-05605-MEMF-SP

**FIRST AMENDED PETITION  
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FOR DECLARATORY AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

**CLASS ACTION**

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2 Secretary, Department of Homeland  
3 Security; Todd M. LYONS, in his official  
4 capacity as Acting Director, U.S.  
5 Immigration and Customs Enforcement;  
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**INTRODUCTION**

1  
2 1. This lawsuit seeks to enjoin Defendants’ ongoing pattern and practice  
3 of flouting the Constitution and federal law in connection with ongoing immigration  
4 raids in the Los Angeles area.

5 2. Since early June, this District has been under siege. Masked federal  
6 agents, sometimes dressed in military-style clothing, have conducted indiscriminate  
7 immigration operations, flooding street corners, bus stops, parking lots, agricultural  
8 sites, day laborer corners, and other places, setting up checkpoints, and entering  
9 businesses, interrogating residents as they are working, looking for work, or  
10 otherwise trying to go about their daily lives, and taking people away.

11 3. The raids in this District follow a common, systematic pattern.  
12 Individuals with brown skin are approached or pulled aside by unidentified federal  
13 agents, suddenly and with a show of force, and made to answer questions about who  
14 they are and where they are from. If they hesitate, attempt to leave, or do not answer  
15 the questions to the satisfaction of the agents, they are detained, sometimes tackled,  
16 handcuffed, and/or taken into custody. In these interactions, agents typically have no  
17 prior information about the individual and no warrant of any kind. If agents make an  
18 arrest, contrary to federal law, they do not make any determination of whether a  
19 person poses a risk of flight before a warrant can be obtained. Also contrary to  
20 federal law, the agents do not identify themselves or explain why the individual is  
21 being arrested.

22 4. Further, apparently to accommodate the sharp rise in arrests, the  
23 government has resorted to keeping individuals at what is supposed to be a short-  
24 term processing center and ICE basement holding area in downtown Los Angeles,  
25 known as “B-18,” often for days. In these dungeon-like facilities, conditions are  
26 deplorable and unconstitutional. The government has also unlawfully deprived those  
27 arrested of access to counsel. Under such conditions, some of those arrested are  
28 pressured into accepting voluntary departure. The government is aware that its

1 actions are unconstitutional and contrary to officers’ training, but deliberately  
2 persists because this system allows it to coerce removals, avoid public  
3 accountability, and ultimately—given the limited bed space at longer-term detention  
4 facilities in the area—keep arrest numbers high.

5 5. Federal immigration enforcement is constrained by law. But since the  
6 federal government began its mass immigration enforcement operations in this  
7 District on June 6, 2025, all of these legal requirements have given way to one  
8 overriding consideration: “numbers, pure numbers. Quantity over quality”<sup>1</sup>

9 6. In late May, the White House and the Department of Homeland  
10 Security imposed a quota of 3,000 immigration-related arrests per day—with  
11 “consequences for not hitting arrest targets.”<sup>2</sup> In order to reach this target, White  
12 House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller directed high-level officials to change  
13 their approach to stops and arrests in the field. Agents and officers, according to  
14 him, should no longer conduct targeted operations based on investigations. Instead,  
15 they should “just go out there and arrest [unauthorized noncitizens]” by rounding up  
16 people in public spaces like “Home Depot” and “7-Eleven” convenience stores.<sup>3</sup>

17 7. This comprehensive scheme has been guised as a crackdown on the  
18 “worst of the worst.”<sup>4</sup> But the preponderance of individuals stopped and arrested in  
19 the raids have not been targeted in any meaningful sense of the word at all, except  
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22 <sup>1</sup> Jennie Taer, *Trump admin’s 3,000 ICE arrests per day quota is taking focus off*  
23 *criminals and ‘killing morale’: insiders*, New York Post (June 17, 2025),  
[https://nypost.com/2025/06/17/us-news/trump-admins-3000-ice-arrests-per-day-](https://nypost.com/2025/06/17/us-news/trump-admins-3000-ice-arrests-per-day-quota-is-taking-focus-off-criminals-and-killing-morale-insiders/)  
[quota-is-taking-focus-off-criminals-and-killing-morale-insiders/](https://nypost.com/2025/06/17/us-news/trump-admins-3000-ice-arrests-per-day-quota-is-taking-focus-off-criminals-and-killing-morale-insiders/).

24 <sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Findell, et al., *The White House Marching Orders That Sparked the L.A.*  
25 *Migrant Crackdown*, The Wall Street Journal (June 9, 2025),  
<https://www.wsj.com/us-news/protests-los-angeles-immigrants-trump-f5089877>.

26 <sup>3</sup> *Id.*

27 <sup>4</sup> *Dep’t of Homeland Sec., ICE Captures Worst of the Worst Illegal Alien Criminals*  
28 *in Los Angeles Including Murderers, Sex Offenders, and Other Violent Criminals*  
*(June 8, 2025)*, [https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/06/08/ice-captures-worst-worst-](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/06/08/ice-captures-worst-worst-illegal-alien-criminals-los-angeles-including-murderers)  
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1 Clause), 28 U.S.C. § 1651 (All Writs Act), 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-02 (Declaratory  
2 Judgment Act), and Fed. R. Civ. P. 65 (injunctive relief).

3 10. Defendants do not have immunity. *See, e.g.*, 5 U.S.C. § 702; *Larson v.*  
4 *Domestic & Foreign Com. Corp.*, 337 U.S. 682, 689–90 (1949); *The Presbyterian*  
5 *Church (U.S.A.) v. United States*, 870 F.2d 518, 526 (9th Cir. 1989).

6 11. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e)(1) because Defendants are  
7 officers or employees of the United States and at least one Plaintiff resides in this  
8 District; a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims  
9 occurred in this District; and/or because a Defendant resides in this District.

10 **PARTIES**

11 12. **Plaintiff-Petitioner Pedro Vasquez Perdomo** is a resident of  
12 Pasadena, California who was arrested at a bus stop as he was waiting to be picked  
13 up for a job on June 18, 2025. He filed this action while detained in the basement of  
14 the Los Angeles downtown federal building, B-18. Because of his Latino ethnicity  
15 and identity as a day laborer, he fears being subject to a future stop by federal agents  
16 without reasonable suspicion.

17 13. **Plaintiff-Petitioner Carlos Alexander Osorto** is a resident of  
18 Pasadena, California who was arrested at a bus stop as he was waiting to be picked  
19 up for a job on June 18, 2025. He filed this action while detained in the basement of  
20 the Los Angeles downtown federal building, B-18. Because of his Latino ethnicity  
21 and identity as a day laborer, he fears being subject to a future stop by federal agents  
22 without reasonable suspicion.

23 14. **Plaintiff-Petitioner Isaac Villegas Molina** is a resident of Pasadena,  
24 California who was arrested at a bus stop as he was waiting to be picked up for a job  
25 on June 18, 2025. He filed this action while detained in the basement of the Los  
26 Angeles downtown federal building, B-18. Because of his Latino ethnicity and  
27 identity as a day laborer, he fears being subject to a future stop by federal agents  
28 without reasonable suspicion.

1           15.     **Plaintiff Jorge Hernandez Viramontes** is a resident of Baldwin Park,  
2 California. He works at a car wash in Orange County, California that has been  
3 visited three times by immigration agents, most recently on June 18, 2025, when he  
4 was questioned and detained by agents despite informing them he is a U.S. citizen.  
5 He fears being subjected to similar actions again on the basis of his Latino ethnicity  
6 and accent.

7           16.     **Plaintiff Jason Brian Gavidia** is a resident of East Los Angeles,  
8 California. He was stopped and questioned by immigration agents at a tow yard in  
9 Los Angeles County on June 12, 2025, despite explaining multiple times he is a U.S.  
10 Citizen. Agents pushed him against the metal gated fence, put his hands behind his  
11 back, and twisted his arm. He was finally let go, but was terrified by this experience  
12 and fears being subjected to similar actions again on the basis of his Latino  
13 ethnicity.

14           17.     **Plaintiff Los Angeles Worker Center Network (LAWCN)** is a multi-  
15 racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-industry organization comprised of worker centers  
16 and labor organizations that work together to address injustices faced by low-wage  
17 workers in the greater Los Angeles area, including immigrant and non-English  
18 speaking workers. LAWCN's worker center members include the CLEAN Carwash  
19 Worker Center, the Garment Worker Center, the Koreatown Immigrant Workers  
20 Alliance, the Los Angeles Black Worker Center, the Philipino Workers Center, and  
21 the Warehouse Worker Resource Center. These worker center members in turn have  
22 members, including noncitizens with legal status and U.S. citizens, who have been  
23 subjected to and are at risk of being subjected in the future to the stop and arrest  
24 policies and practices challenged in this case.

25           18.     **Plaintiff United Farm Workers (UFW)** is the largest farm worker  
26 union in the country with approximately 10,000 members, with more members in  
27 California than in any other state. UFW aims to improve the lives, wages, and  
28 working conditions of agricultural workers and their families, including by



1 advocating for immigration reform and immigrants' rights. UFW's members in  
2 California work at agricultural sites as well as non-agricultural sites within the  
3 District. UFW has members, including noncitizens with legal status and U.S.  
4 citizens, who have been, and are at risk of being, subjected in the future to the stop  
5 and arrest policies and practices challenged in this case.

6       19.     **Plaintiff Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)** is a  
7 nonprofit organization with its principal place of business in Los Angeles,  
8 California. CHIRLA was founded in 1986 to advance the human and civil rights of  
9 immigrants and refugees. Since then, CHIRLA has become one of the largest and  
10 most effective advocates for immigrant rights, organizing, educating and defending  
11 immigrants and refugees in the streets, in the courts, and in the halls of power. As a  
12 membership organization, CHIRLA has approximately 50,000 members across  
13 California, including both U.S. citizens and noncitizens of varying immigration  
14 status. CHIRLA has members in every county in the District. CHIRLA's staff also  
15 includes attorneys and Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representatives who  
16 provide pro bono legal services to clients in removal proceedings, including those  
17 who are detained. Additionally, CHIRLA coordinates the Los Angeles Rapid  
18 Response Network (LARRN) and educates its membership as well as the broader  
19 community through know-your-rights programming, workshops, social media, and  
20 educational literature about a variety of social services and benefits, including  
21 immigration law, financial literacy, workers' rights, and civic engagement.

22       20.     **Plaintiff Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)** is a nonprofit  
23 organization having its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California.  
24 Besides Los Angeles, ImmDef has offices in Riverside, Santa Ana, and San Diego,  
25 California, and works across the U.S.-Mexico border in Tijuana. ImmDef was  
26 founded in 2015 to protect the due process rights of immigrants facing deportation.  
27 At its founding, ImmDef was focused on ensuring that every immigrant before the  
28 immigration court had a lawyer by their side. In the years that followed, ImmDef

1 expanded its mission beyond helping individuals facing deportation to also work  
2 towards systemic change that reimagines a more just immigration system. ImmDef  
3 provides deportation defense, legal representation, legal education, and social  
4 services to detained and non-detained children and adults.

5       21. **Defendant Kristi Noem** is the Secretary of the Department of  
6 Homeland Security (DHS), which is responsible for administering and enforcing the  
7 nation's immigration laws pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a). In this role, she oversees  
8 component agencies such as ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).  
9 Defendant Noem is sued in her official capacity.

10       22. **Defendant Todd M. Lyons** is the Acting Director of U.S. Immigration  
11 and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an agency of the United States and a division of  
12 DHS. ICE's mission includes the enforcement of criminal and civil laws related to  
13 immigration. Among other things, ICE is responsible for the stops, arrests, and  
14 custody of individuals believed to be in violation of civil immigration law.  
15 Defendant Lyons is sued in his official capacity.

16       23. **Defendant Rodney S. Scott** is the Commissioner of CBP, the agency  
17 within DHS that is responsible for enforcing immigration laws at or close to the U.S.  
18 border. In that capacity, Defendant Scott has direct authority over all CBP policies,  
19 procedures, and practices related to stops, arrests, and detention. Defendant Scott is  
20 sued in his official capacity.

21       24. **Defendant Michael W. Banks** is Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol. In  
22 that capacity, Defendant Banks has direct authority over all Border Patrol policies,  
23 procedures, and practices related to stops, arrests, and detention. Defendant Banks is  
24 sued in his official capacity.

25       25. **Defendant Kash Patel** is Director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of  
26 Investigation (FBI). In that capacity, Defendant Patel is responsible for the direction  
27 and oversight of all operations of the FBI. Defendant Patel is sued in his official  
28 capacity.

1           26.     **Defendant Pam Bondi** is the U.S. Attorney General. In that capacity,  
2 Defendant Bondi is head of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and is responsible for  
3 the direction and oversight of all operations of the DOJ, including DOJ law  
4 enforcement agencies such as the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
5 Explosives (ATF), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Defendant  
6 Bondi is sued in her official capacity.

7           27.     **Defendant Ernesto Santacruz Jr.** is the Acting Field Office Director  
8 for the Los Angeles Field Office of ICE. In that capacity, Defendant Santacruz Jr. is  
9 responsible for the supervision of personnel within ICE’s Enforcement and Removal  
10 Operations (ERO) in the geographic area covered by the Los Angeles Field Office,  
11 which comprises the seven counties in the District, and facilities within the District  
12 including the basement of the Los Angeles federal building, B-18. Defendant  
13 Santacruz Jr. is sued in his official capacity.

14           28.     **Defendant Eddy Wang** is the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations  
15 Special Agent in Charge for Los Angeles. In that capacity, Defendant is responsible  
16 for the supervision of agents within ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)  
17 in the Los Angeles Area including as to stops and arrests. Defendant Wang is sued  
18 in his official capacity.

19           29.     **Defendant Gregory K. Bovino** is the Chief Patrol Agent for the El  
20 Centro Sector of CBP. In that capacity, Defendant Bovino is responsible for the  
21 supervision of agents in the El Centro Sector including as to stops, arrests, and  
22 detention. Defendant Bovino is sued in his official capacity.

23           30.     **Defendant D. Stalnaker** is the Acting Chief Patrol Agent for the San  
24 Diego Sector of CBP. In that capacity, Defendant Stalnaker responsible for the  
25 supervision of agents in the San Diego Sector including as to stops, arrests, and  
26 detention. Defendant Stalnaker is sued in his official capacity.

27           31.     **Defendant Akil Davis** is the Assistant Director of the Los Angeles  
28 Office of the FBI. In that capacity, Defendant Davis is responsible for the

1 supervision of all agents in the Los Angeles Office including as to stops and arrests.  
2 Defendant Davis is sued in his official capacity.

3 32. **Defendant Bilal A. Essayli** is the U.S. Attorney for the Central District  
4 of California. In that capacity, Defendant Essayli has authority over federal law  
5 enforcement operations within the District, including those of the FBI, ATF, and  
6 DEA. Defendant Essayli is sued in his official capacity.

7 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

8 33. Starting on or around June 6, 2025, the federal government unleashed  
9 immigration agents and officers into the streets, worksites, and neighborhoods of  
10 Los Angeles and surrounding counties, creating an illegal detention and deportation  
11 dragnet that shows no signs of ceasing.

12 **A. Suspicionless Stops Based on Racial Profiling**

13 34. The constitutional, statutory, and regulatory framework is clear about  
14 the practices immigration officers must follow. The Fourth Amendment protects  
15 “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons . . . against unreasonable  
16 searches and seizures.” U.S. Const. amend. IV. “Except at the border and its  
17 functional equivalents,” immigration agents may stop individuals in public only  
18 after identifying “specific articulable facts, together with rational inferences from  
19 those facts, that reasonably warrant suspicion” of a violation of immigration law.  
20 *United States v. Brignoni-Ponce*, 422 U.S. 873, 884 (1975); *Benitez-Mendez v.*  
21 *I.N.S.*, 752 F.2d 1309, 1311 (9th Cir. 1983), *amended*, 760 F.2d 907 (9th Cir. 1983);  
22 *see also* 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(b)(2). Reasonable suspicion cannot be based “on broad  
23 profiles which cast suspicion on entire categories of people without any  
24 individualized suspicion of the particular person to be stopped.” *United States v.*  
25 *Rodriguez Sanchez*, 23 F.3d 1488, 1492 (9th Cir. 1994).

26 35. Immigration officials in Southern California are not abiding by this  
27 framework.

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1 36. One of the clearest patterns that have emerged in the raids in Southern  
2 California over the past few weeks has been stops and interrogations based on  
3 nothing but broad profiles, including on the basis of apparent race and ethnicity.<sup>6</sup>  
4 On information and belief, Defendants have adopted a policy and practice of  
5 conducting immigration operations in violation of their obligation to stop  
6 individuals in public only if there is reasonable suspicion.

7 37. As often happens when agencies adopt a pattern and practice of racial  
8 profiling, among those most vulnerable have been individuals whose work makes  
9 them a visible target in public spaces.

10 38. Day laborer pickup locations have become central sites of immigration  
11 enforcement.<sup>7</sup> On June 6, 2025, federal agents detained multiple day laborers  
12 outside of the Westlake Home Depot.<sup>8</sup> In the following days, similar raids occurred  
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14 <sup>6</sup> Brittany Mejia & Rachel Uranga, *Fears of racial profiling rise as Border Patrol*  
15 *conducts 'roving patrols,' detains U.S. Citizens*, L.A. Times (June 15, 2025),  
16 [https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-15/latinos-targeted-in-raids-u-s-](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-15/latinos-targeted-in-raids-u-s-citizens-detained-indiscriminate-sweeps-home-depot-lots-targeted)  
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17 <sup>7</sup> Kaitlyn Huamani, *Home Depot caught in the crosshairs of L.A. immigration raids*,  
18 L.A. Times (June 9, 2025), [https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-06-](https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-06-09/home-depot-in-the-crosshairs-of-immigrations-raids)  
19 [09/home-depot-in-the-crosshairs-of-immigrations-raids](https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-06-09/home-depot-in-the-crosshairs-of-immigrations-raids) (discussing how Home  
20 Depots across Southern California have been impacted by the immigration raids);  
21 Maanvi Singh, *At Home Depot, Ice raids terrorize the workers who helped build*  
22 *LA: "They just come and grab you"*, The Guardian (June 16, 2025),  
[https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/16/home-depot-ice-raids-los-](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/16/home-depot-ice-raids-los-angeles)  
23 [angeles](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/16/home-depot-ice-raids-los-angeles); Pat Maio, *Home Depot's day laborer haven turns into immigration target*  
24 *across Southern California*, L.A. Daily News (June 13, 2025),  
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26 [day-laborers-part-of-symbolic-southern-california-raids/](https://www.dailynews.com/2025/06/13/home-depot-a-longtime-destination-for-day-laborers-part-of-symbolic-southern-california-raids/) (listing multiple Home  
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operation reportedly lasted only 20 minutes).



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2 Upland,<sup>13</sup> Paramount,<sup>14</sup> Hollywood,<sup>15</sup> Costa Mesa,<sup>16</sup> Inglewood,<sup>17</sup> Baldwin Park,<sup>18</sup>

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2 pickup sites—a 99 cents store in Hawthorne,<sup>23</sup> a shopping center in Los Angeles,<sup>24</sup> a  
3 Walmart in Pico Rivera,<sup>25</sup>—have also been targeted.

4 39. Car wash workers have also been heavily impacted. Car washes, in  
5 which workers typically wash, dry, and detail vehicles outdoors, have been hit  
6 across Southern California, including more than once. Indeed, during the initial days  
7 of the raids, between June 7, 2025, and June 11, 2025, federal agents raided at least  
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2 Between Monday, June 9, 2025, and June 13, 2025, at least 43 people were detained  
3 on farms in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.<sup>27</sup>

4 41. The manner in which the foregoing raids have been conducted bears no  
5 hallmarks of reasonable suspicion: there are no indicia that agents had any specific  
6 articulable facts sufficient to justify a seizure. Instead, those who appear to be non-  
7 white have been categorically stopped, sometimes without even being asked for  
8 identification.

9 42. This pattern has continued with other types of workers as well. On the  
10 first day of the raids, HSI agents executed a search warrant and made collateral  
11 arrests of workers they encountered as well.<sup>28</sup> The raids have also resulted in  
12 interrogation of street vendors<sup>29</sup> and workers at recycling centers,<sup>30</sup> tow yards,<sup>31</sup> and  
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2 bus stops,<sup>34</sup> parks,<sup>35</sup> an LA Fitness gym,<sup>36</sup> and a church.<sup>37</sup>

3 43. For example, on the morning of June 6, 2025, a local resident, R.H.D.,  
4 and his brother-in-law were helping their relative paint his home in Orange County.  
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1 agents surrounded the man and prevented him from walking away before they knew  
2 who he was. There were several people at nearby residences who appeared  
3 Caucasian and were also working outside in their yards, but on information and  
4 belief, they were not questioned or detained.

5 44. At a Home Depot in Santa Ana on June 10, 2025, Junior Ortega  
6 recounted that agents arrived in unmarked vehicles and began detaining individuals  
7 at gunpoint.<sup>38</sup> An agent approached him, pointed a gun and then demanded to see  
8 his identification. He complied, fearing for his safety. After inspecting the  
9 identification, the agent released Junior without ever providing a reason for the stop.

10 45. At the Downey Memorial Christian Church on June 11, 2025, a witness  
11 recalled that “the gentleman who they took was dark-skinned and only spoke  
12 Spanish. They don’t care if you have papers, as long as you look like what they want  
13 you to look like, they’ll take you.”<sup>39</sup> No reason for the stop was provided.

14 46. At a military-style raid at the Santa Fe Springs swap meet on June 14,  
15 2025, 60 heavily armed agents were present.<sup>40</sup> One witness reported that “if you  
16 looked Hispanic in any way, they just took you.”<sup>41</sup> Another witness described seeing  
17 agents pull people from the bathrooms and demand identification from everyone  
18 they encountered.<sup>42</sup>

19 47. It is illegal for Defendants to stop anyone—U.S. citizens or not—  
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28 <sup>41</sup> *Id.*

<sup>42</sup> *Id.*

1 Defendants’ practices have led to numerous U.S. citizens who work, reside, or just  
2 happen to be in neighborhoods with large numbers of people of color also getting  
3 swept up.

4 48. On June 14, 2025, Heidi Plummer, a U.S. citizen, was walking through  
5 a park in Santa Ana when she got caught up in an immigration raid occurring there.  
6 She was handcuffed, placed in a vehicle with others, and taken to an ICE station in  
7 Santa Ana where she was kept for an hour and a half before being released.<sup>43</sup>

8 49. Additionally, more recently, Andrea Velez, a U.S. citizen, was being  
9 dropped off at work in downtown Los Angeles when federal agents grabbed her  
10 without explanation. Her mother, who witnessed the incident, described it as looking  
11 like “they’e kidnapping [her].” Witnesses said agents never asked Andrea for  
12 identification. No justification was provided. Her mother remarked, “the only thing  
13 wrong with her . . . was the color of her skin.”<sup>44</sup>

14 **B. A Show of Force: Intimidation, Violence, and Anonymity**

15 50. While the government may describe the encounters agents and officers  
16 are having with individuals as consensual, they are far from that. A stop, even brief,  
17 must be supported by reasonable suspicion if “a reasonable person would [believe]  
18 that he was not free to leave.” *See United States v. Mendenhall*, 446 U.S. 544, 554  
19 (1980).

20 51. In a typical encounter, agents and officers approach suddenly and in  
21 large numbers. Typically dressed in military style or SWAT clothing, heavily armed  
22 with weapons displayed, and masked, their vests may display only a generic  
23 “POLICE” patch (if they display anything at all). For example, an estimated 60 ICE  
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25 <sup>43</sup> Douglas Saunders Sr., *OC Attorney Says She Was Detained in ICE Raid at Santa*  
26 *Ana Park*, Daily Journal (June 19, 2025),  
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1 agents dressed in military tactical gear and carrying rifles raided a swap meet in Los  
2 Angeles on June 15, 2025<sup>45</sup>:



Dozens of heavily armed, masked ICE agents seen raiding a Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet on June 14, 2025. (OnSceneTV)

14 52. This grossly disproportionate display of force is enough to make any  
15 person fear for their safety and feel compelled to comply. Moreover, agents  
16 typically position themselves around individuals, aggressively engage them, and/or  
17 bark commands, making it nearly impossible for individuals to decline to answer  
18 their questions.

19 53. When individuals have tried to avoid an encounter with agents and  
20 officers, they have been chased and pushed to the ground, sometimes even beaten,  
21 and then taken away. Such seizures look less like lawful arrests and more like  
22 brazen, midday kidnappings.

23 54. These incidents have been widely reported in the news, further  
24 contributing to the climate of intimidation and fear.<sup>46</sup>

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26 <sup>45</sup> Josh DuBose, *supra*, note 33.

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1           55. For example, in Westchester on June 8, 2025, several armed agents in  
2 camouflage uniforms and helmets tackled a fruit vendor on a corner, pinning him to  
3 the ground.<sup>47</sup> A witness recalled: “They had him pressed down on the ground. They  
4 had weapons drawn so no one could get near to help him.”<sup>48</sup>

5           56. At a hand car wash in Culver City also on June 8, 2025, agents dressed  
6 in either camouflaged fatigues or plainclothes arrived in unmarked vehicles.<sup>49</sup> A  
7 witness, waiting for her car to be washed, recalled seeing “an agent carrying an  
8 assault rifle . . . chasing after a customer, pursuing him across a four-lane road,”  
9 while other customers screamed “Don’t shoot!”<sup>50</sup> The federal agent caught the man  
10 and took him into custody.<sup>51</sup>

11           57. At a Home Depot in Santa Ana on June 9, 2025, a U.S. asylum seeker  
12 from Peru was detained and later released upon producing documents. He recalls  
13 that “[the agents] arrived in an aggressive manner,” pointing guns, as if to “rob  
14 them.”<sup>52</sup>

15           58. At the Downey Memorial Christian Church on June 11, 2025, three  
16 SUVs with tinted windows pulled up to the church.<sup>53</sup> Six agents with neck gaiters,  
17 hats, and sunglasses, rushed out of unmarked vehicles. Armed, some carrying  
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19 <sup>47</sup> L.A. Times, *Unidentified agents detain L.A. fruit vendor: ‘Like he’d been*  
20 *kidnapped’*, L.A. Times (June 12, 2025), [https://www.latimes.com/00000197-61d1-](https://www.latimes.com/00000197-61d1-d4a7-addf-f1d59c1d0000-123)  
[d4a7-addf-f1d59c1d0000-123](https://www.latimes.com/00000197-61d1-d4a7-addf-f1d59c1d0000-123).

21 <sup>48</sup> *Id.*

22 <sup>49</sup> Dani Anguiano, et al., *‘Snatching off the streets’: Ice targets churches, car washes*  
*and workplaces*, The Guardian (June 12, 2025), [https://www.theguardian.com/us-](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/12/los-angeles-ice-raids)  
23 [news/2025/jun/12/los-angeles-ice-raids](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/12/los-angeles-ice-raids).

24 <sup>50</sup> *Id.*

25 <sup>51</sup> *Id.*

26 <sup>52</sup> Hetty Change & Jonathon Lloyd, *Day laborers targeted in raid at Santa Ana*  
*Home Depot, OC officials say*, NBC 4 (June 10, 2025),  
27 [https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/day-laborers-santa-ana-home-depot-](https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/day-laborers-santa-ana-home-depot-immigration-raid/3720487)  
28 [immigration-raid/3720487](https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/day-laborers-santa-ana-home-depot-immigration-raid/3720487).

29 <sup>53</sup> Jesus Jiménez & Emily Baumgaertner Nunn, *Church Leaders Shaken After a Man*  
*was Detained in Their Parking Lot*, N.Y. Times (June 11, 2025),  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/11/us/la-protests-ice-raids-church-arrest.html>.

1 assault rifles, they detained a man in the parking lot.<sup>54</sup> The agents refused to identify  
2 which agency they worked for and did not provide a warrant.<sup>55</sup> When a senior pastor  
3 of the church tried to communicate in Spanish with the man being detained, an agent  
4 pointed a gun at her.<sup>56</sup>

5 59. Recently, in Santa Ana, agents were observed on video repeatedly  
6 beating Narciso Barranco, father to three sons who have served in the U.S. Marines,  
7 on the head and neck, even though Barranco was already on the ground.<sup>57</sup>

8 60. Two days later at a Home Depot in Ladera Heights, eight heavily  
9 armed masked men surrounded a young woman street vendor clinging to a tree.  
10 After they had arrested the woman and were driving away, they threw three tear gas  
11 canisters at the small group of community members bearing witness to the arrest.  
12 The men refused to identify themselves.<sup>58</sup>

13 61. When people refuse to answer questions and try to leave, agents  
14 respond with violence. In one widely circulated social media video, a driver refused  
15 to answer questions and tried to drive away. The undercover agent pointed his  
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18 <sup>54</sup> Jesus Jiménez & Emily Baumgaertner Nunn, *Church Leaders Shaken After a Man*  
19 *was Detained in Their Parking Lot*, N.Y. Times (June 11, 2025),  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/11/us/la-protests-ice-raids-church-arrest.html>.

20 <sup>55</sup> *Id.*; Travis Schlepp, *ICE agents make arrest at Los Angeles area church*, KTLA 5  
21 (June 11, 2025), <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/ice-agents-make-arrest-at-los-angeles-area-church/#:~:text=Community%20members%20and%20religious%20leaders,in%20the%20church%20parking%20lot>.

22 <sup>56</sup> Jesus Jiménez & Emily Baumgaertner Nunn, *supra*, note 54.

23 <sup>57</sup> Obed Manuel, *U.S. Marine veteran says father's violent arrest by immigration*  
24 *agents was 'inhuman'*, NPR (June 27, 2025), <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/27/nx-s1-5442653/father-of-u-s-marines-violently-arrested-by-ice#:~:text=Father%20of%20U.S.%20Marines%20violently%20arrested%20by%20ICE&text=The%20scene%20in%20Santa%20Ana,when%20the%20agent%20strike%20him>

25 <sup>58</sup> Leanne Suter, *Community members try to help street vendor taken by federal*  
26 *agents in Ladera Heights, video shows*, ABC 7 (June 27, 2025),  
27 <https://abc7.com/post/community-members-try-help-street-vendor-taken-ice-ladera-heights/16863236/>.  
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1 firearm at the driver and said “I’ll [expletive] shoot you,” before being instructed by  
2 another agent to let him go.<sup>59</sup>

3 62. Agents and officers have not only employed these tactics with alarming  
4 regularity, but they have also refused to identify themselves or what agency they are  
5 with when asked. Such refusal to identify themselves endangers public safety,<sup>60</sup>  
6 frustrates any efforts at accountability, including in this case, and ultimately  
7 normalizes lawless and dangerous conduct behind the shield of anonymity.

8 **C. Warrantless Arrests Without an Individualized Determination of Flight  
9 Risk**

10 63. Congress enacted a strong preference that immigration arrests be based  
11 on warrants. *See Arizona v. U.S.*, 567 U.S. 387, 407–08 (2012). The Immigration  
12 and Nationality Act thus provides immigration agents with only limited authority to  
13 conduct warrantless arrests. 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2). Federal regulations track the  
14 strict limitations on warrantless arrests. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii).

15 64. An immigration officer can make an arrest without a warrant only if  
16 they have probable cause to believe that the individual “is in the United States in  
17 violation of any [immigration] law or regulation,” *and* (2) the individual “is likely to  
18 escape before a warrant can be obtained” for his arrest. § 1357(a)(2);  
19 § 287.8(c)(2)(ii) (same); *Tejeda-Mata v. INS*, 626 F.2d 721, 725 (9th Cir. 1980). The  
20 requirement that officers establish probable cause of flight risk before conducting a  
21 warrantless arrest requires a particularized finding of likelihood of escape. *Mountain  
22 High Knitting, Inc. v. Reno*, 51 F.3d 216, 218 (9th Cir. 1995).

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24 <sup>59</sup> Benicia Garcia (@ b\_b\_b\_beniandthejets), Instagram (June 26, 2025),  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/DLXk-kSRRy3/>.

25 <sup>60</sup> *See, e.g.*, Lily Dallow, *L.A. man with previous human smuggling arrest may have*  
26 *been impersonating ICE agent*, KTLA 5 (June 27, 2025),  
27 <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/l-a-man-arrested-in-huntington-park-for-possibly-impersonating-federal-agent/>; José Olivares, *US sees spate of arrests of civilians impersonating Ice officers*, The Guardian (June 28, 2025),  
28 <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/28/civilians-impersonating-ice-officers>.

1 65. Defendants have a policy and practice of effectuating warrantless  
2 arrests without making an individualized flight risk determination.

3 66. As one witness to a raid at a Home Depot recounted, the officers “just  
4 grab[] people” and “don’t ask questions.”<sup>61</sup>

5 67. For example, on June 8, 2025, Jesus Cruz Uitz, a member of CLEAN  
6 Carwash Worker Center, which is part of Plaintiff LAWCN, was working at the car  
7 wash he has worked at for approximately 8 years when masked agents arrived. Mr.  
8 Cruz Uitz stayed where he was working but an officer angrily approached him,  
9 grabbed him by the arms, and ultimately arrested him. The officer did not have a  
10 warrant to arrest Mr. Cruz Uitz and did not ask him any questions to assess his  
11 individualized flight risk.

12 68. On June 9, 2025, a resident, M.N., was working at the same car wash  
13 when agents arrested him without a warrant and without asking him any questions  
14 relevant to assess his flight risk.

15 69. And on June 9, 2025, Jose Valdez Rios was at Home Depot when  
16 agents arrested him without a warrant and without asking him any questions relevant  
17 to assess his flight risk. Agents never asked him about his job, family, community,  
18 or other ties to the United States.

19 **D. Arrests Without Identification of Authority or Reason**

20 70. Regulations also require immigration officers to (1) identify themselves  
21 “as an immigration officer who is authorized to execute an arrest”; and (2) “[s]tate  
22 that the person is under arrest and the reason for the arrest,” as soon as it is practical  
23 and safe to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(iii).

24 71. Defendants have a policy and practice of failing to identify themselves  
25 or explain the basis for an arrest upon taking someone into custody. As noted above,  
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27 <sup>61</sup> Arelis R. Hernández, *‘La migra!’: Day laborers recount ICE raid outside Los*  
28 *Angeles Home Depot*, The Washington Post (June 8, 2025)  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/06/08/ice-los-angeles-home-depot-raid-trump/>.

1 agents and officers have often shown up masked, without any visible badges or  
2 insignia indicating what agency they are with, and have refused to identify  
3 themselves when asked. This has extended through the time of arrest, with  
4 individuals left in the dark about who they are interacting with or why they are  
5 under arrest.

6 **E. Conditions at B-18 and the Denial of Access to Counsel**

7 72. James Pendergraph, former Executive Director of ICE Office of State  
8 and Local Coordination once said, “If you don’t have enough evidence to charge  
9 someone criminally but you think he’s illegal, we can make him disappear.”<sup>62</sup> That  
10 ethos is animating Defendants’ Los Angeles operations today.

11 73. Individuals detained in immigration operations have a right to counsel  
12 that is rooted in the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. *Usubakunov v.*  
13 *Garland*, 16 F.4th 1299, 1304 (9th Cir. 2021); *Biwot v. Gonzales*, 403 F.3d 1094,  
14 1098 (9th Cir. 2005); *see also Torres v. United States Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 411  
15 F. Supp. 3d 1036, 1060-61 (C.D. Cal. 2019). When the government detains  
16 individuals as part of immigration enforcement efforts, it cannot impose restrictions  
17 on access to attorneys that undermine the opportunity to obtain counsel or  
18 communicate with retained counsel. *See Orantes-Hernandez v. Thornburgh*, 919  
19 F.2d 549, 554, 565 (9th Cir. 1990); *see also Usubakunov*, 16 F.4th at 1300  
20 (“Navigating the asylum system with an attorney is hard enough; navigating it  
21 without an attorney is a Herculean task.”); *Comm. of Cent. Am. Refugees v. INS*, 795  
22 F.2d 1434, 1439 (9th Cir. 1986) (recognizing that impediments to communication,  
23 especially in connection with a difficult-to-access facility, can constitute a  
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26 <sup>62</sup> Debbie Cenziper et. al, *Under Trump, ICE aggressively recruited sheriffs as*  
27 *partners to question and detain undocumented immigrants*, The Washington Post  
28 (Nov. 23, 2021), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/interactive/2021/trump-ice-sheriffs-immigrants-287g/>.

1 “constitutional deprivation” where they obstruct an “established on-going attorney-  
2 client relationship.”).

3 74. Further, civil detainees have “a right to adequate food, shelter, clothing,  
4 and medical care.” *Youngberg v. Romeo*, 457 U.S. 307 (1982). Their conditions of  
5 confinement become unconstitutional if they “amount to punishment,” *Bell v.*  
6 *Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 535 (1979), in other words, when “the harm or disability  
7 caused by the government’s action . . . significantly exceed[s], or [is] independent  
8 of, the inherent discomforts of confinement[.]” *Demery v. Arpaio*, 378 F.3d 1020,  
9 1030 (9th Cir. 2004). During the ongoing raids, and as an integral part of the policy  
10 and pattern of unlawful stops and arrests described above, Defendants have been  
11 taking individuals who are swept up en masse to the basement of the federal  
12 building at 300 North Los Angeles Street in Los Angeles, commonly referred to as  
13 “B-18.” B-18 is a facility for immigrant detainees designed to hold a limited number  
14 of individuals temporarily so they can be processed and released, or processed and  
15 transported to a long-term detention facility. It does not have beds, showers, or  
16 medical facilities.

17 75. B-18 was previously the subject of litigation in this District, and a  
18 lawsuit over the inhumane treatment of detainees there resulted in a 2009 settlement  
19 agreement requiring that individuals not be held at B-18 for more than 12 hours. *See*  
20 *Castellano v. Napolitano*, No. 2:09-CV-02281 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 16, 2009). Other  
21 provisions of the agreement required that detainees at B-18 be allowed to “visit with  
22 current or prospective legal representatives and their legal assistants seven days a  
23 week, including holidays, for eight hours per day on regular business days (Monday  
24 through Friday), and four hours per day on weekends and holidays.”

25 76. The settlement agreement has since expired. But under the immense  
26 pressure to receive individuals arrested in recent weeks, the unlawful conditions that  
27 led to the settlement more than a decade ago are recurring today. Individuals taken  
28 to B-18 are being kept in overcrowded, inhumane conditions. They are held in small



1 windowless rooms with dozens or more other detainees, in extremely cramped  
2 quarters. Some rooms are so cramped that detainees cannot sit, let alone lie down,  
3 for hours at a time.

4 77. As of June 20, 2025, upon information and belief, over 300 individuals  
5 were being held at B-18. They are expected to sleep in cold rooms on floors without  
6 cots, bedding, or blankets. Some are even forced to sleep in tents outside.

7 78. When asked why detainees have been forced to sleep in such cramped  
8 conditions, an officer at B-18 explained that B-18 is meant to be a processing center,  
9 not a detention facility. Historically, processing of individuals in removal  
10 proceedings would result in the release of an individual detained pending their next  
11 court hearing or, barring release, immediate transfer to a detention facility. But B-18  
12 is not being used that way today, and individuals are being held there far longer than  
13 12 hours, often for days on end.

14 79. Detainees are also routinely deprived of food. Some have not even been  
15 given water other than what comes out of the combined sink and toilet in the group  
16 detention room. And upon asking for food, detainees have been told repeatedly that  
17 the facility has run out.

18 80. Detainees are routinely denied access to necessary medical care and  
19 medications, too. Individuals with conditions that require consistent medications and  
20 treatment are not given any medical attention, even when that information is brought  
21 to the attention of the officers on duty. The facility cannot even provide detainees  
22 with basic hygiene. Individuals who are menstruating have had to wait long periods  
23 before receiving menstrual pads, if they receive them at all.

24 81. To make matters worse—and, indeed, to keep the true nature and scope  
25 of Defendants’ constitutional violations, including those related to stops and arrest,  
26 hidden from the outside world—individuals detained at B-18 have had their access  
27 to prospective or retained counsel severely and unconstitutionally restricted.

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1           82.    On June 6, 2025, attorneys and legal representatives from  
2 organizational Plaintiffs CHIRLA and ImmDef attempted to gain access to B-18 to  
3 advise detainees of their rights and assess their eligibility for relief, but they were  
4 not permitted to enter.

5           83.    When they returned to B-18 the next morning, attorneys identified a  
6 handwritten notice on the door of the family and attorney entrance at B-18  
7 indicating that they would not permit any visits that day. Federal officers then  
8 deployed an unknown chemical agent against family members, attorneys, and  
9 representatives, including CHIRLA and ImmDef legal staff, who were peacefully  
10 requesting access to detained individuals. The chemical agent that federal agents  
11 sprayed caused everyone to cough and inflicted a burning sensation in the eyes,  
12 nose, and throat.

13           84.    That same morning, numerous unmarked white vans quickly departed  
14 B-18 with a group of detainees. CHIRLA and ImmDef attorneys and representatives  
15 attempted to loudly share know your rights information with the detainees in the  
16 vans. To prevent the detainees from hearing their rights, and therefore exercising  
17 them, the federal agents blasted their horns to drown them out.

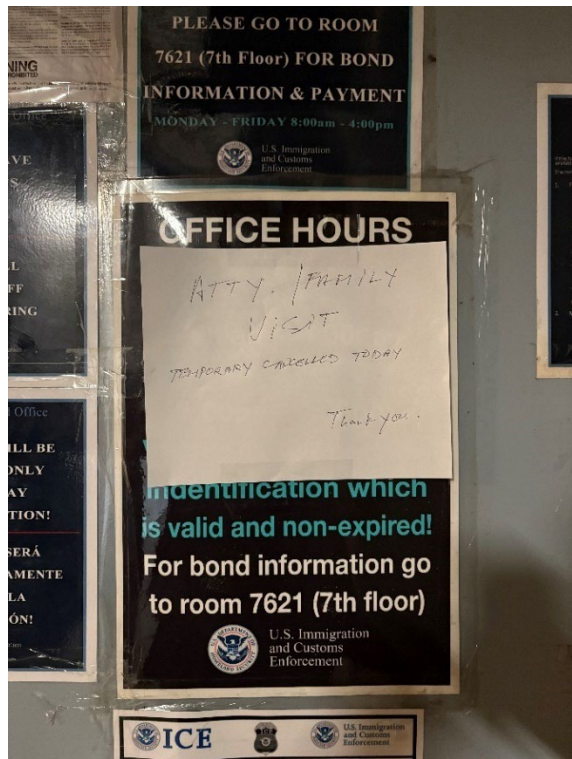
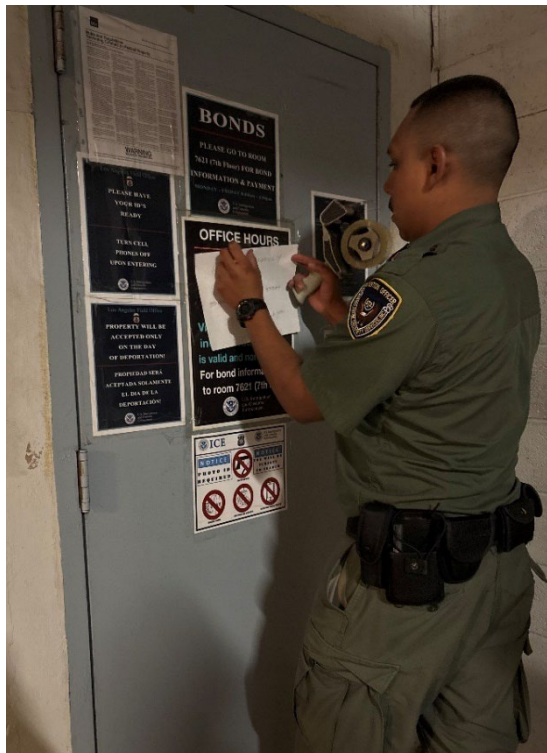
18           85.    On June 7, 2025, another ImmDef attorney arrived at B-18 to find a  
19 handwritten notice that the facility was closed to visitation, as shown below:<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> Photos taken by LARRN attorney Helen Boyer Saturday June 7, 2025 at approx 8:50 AM.

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86. As a result, attorneys and family members were unable to access B-18 the entire weekend during the first few days of the raids.

87. On the rare occasions when attorneys and family members have been allowed access to their clients or loved ones, they have been made to wait hours at a time to see them, and the resulting visits have been limited to a mere five to 10 minutes. Detention officers screen the very limited phone calls that detainees are permitted to make, and phone calls cannot be used for confidential legal communications.

88. In many cases, attorneys and family members have been unable to determine whether a particular individual is even detained at B-18, or whether they have been transferred to another facility. B-18 officers have refused to provide clear answers to questions about detainees' whereabouts, or refused to answer questions altogether. ICE's online locator, which provides information about detainees' location, is not updated in a timely manner.

1           89. The severe access restrictions have persisted as Defendants’ mass  
2 arrests continue to occur across Southern California.

3           90. On June 16, 2025, ImmDef attorneys, as well as Congressman Jimmy  
4 Gomez, arrived at B-18 around 3:00 p.m. on a day when B-18 was purportedly open  
5 for visiting between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. But they were denied access, along with  
6 family members who had been instructed to go to B-18 to pick up their loved ones’  
7 possessions.

8           91. On June 19, 2025, an ImmDef attorney arrived at B-18 to meet with  
9 detainees, including one who was scheduled for a chemotherapy appointment the  
10 next day. Despite showing a doctor’s note confirming the appointment and  
11 specifying that missing the appointment would be detrimental to the detainee’s  
12 health, the guards repeatedly would not allow the attorney to meet with the ill  
13 detainee. One officer told the attorney that he had no way to find the individual  
14 because hundreds of people were detained in the facility.

15           92. B-18 officers have and continue to consistently close the doors to  
16 detainees’ prospective or retained counsel at unexpected and unexplained times.

17           93. The use of B-18 as a makeshift, long-term detention center for  
18 hundreds of individuals has and continues to cause significant, ongoing harm.  
19 Defendants have intentionally restricted detainees’ access to those who may be able  
20 to intervene on their behalf at a critical time when they are likely to face imminent  
21 government action in their case. Indeed, one of ImmDef’s clients who has been  
22 granted asylum and who should never have been arrested was picked up at a Home  
23 Depot looking for work. He would have disappeared into the detention system if not  
24 for an ImmDef attorney’s last minute intervention at B-18 on June 19, 2025.

25           94. In fact, some individuals have accepted voluntary departure from this  
26 country under 8 U.S.C. § 1229c(a)(1), without having had the opportunity to consult  
27 with counsel, even though due process requires that any waiver of a right to a  
28 hearing be knowing and voluntary. *See, e.g., United States v. Ramos*, 623 F.3d 672,

1 682–83 (9th Cir. 2010). Upon information and belief, the inhumane conditions at B-  
2 18 create a coercive environment that pressures some of those detained individuals  
3 to take voluntary departure without first consulting with counsel and despite  
4 potential deportation relief because they fear lengthy detention in deplorable  
5 conditions.

6 95. Combined with the continued deplorable conditions at B-18—lack of  
7 food, medical care, basic hygiene, and overcrowding—B-18 is a disaster continuing  
8 to happen. And until these issues are resolved, the true scale of the legal violations  
9 Defendants are engaged in will remain unknown.

10 **F. Defendants’ Pattern of Illegal Conduct Is Officially-Sanctioned**

11 96. Defendants’ unlawful stops, arrests, denial of access to counsel and  
12 conditions at B-18 are the predictable result of directives from top officials to agents  
13 and officers.

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1 97. In January, the administration gave ICE field offices an arrest quota of  
2 75 arrests a day.<sup>64</sup> As offices attempted to carry out such a mandate, workplace raids  
3 increased,<sup>65</sup> ICE check-ins became traps,<sup>66</sup> and courthouse arrests surged.<sup>67</sup>

4 98. Also, to help meet the quota, the administration granted agencies  
5 outside of DHS immigration enforcement powers.<sup>68</sup>

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7 <sup>64</sup> Nick Miroff & Maria Sacchetti, *Trump Officials Issue Quotas to ICE Officers to*  
8 *Ramp Up Arrests*, The Washington Post (last updated Jan. 26, 2025),  
9 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/01/26/ice-arrests-raids-trump-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/01/26/ice-arrests-raids-trump-quota/)  
10 [quota/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/01/26/ice-arrests-raids-trump-quota/).

11 <sup>65</sup> Marianne LeVine, et al., *ICE is Arresting Migrants in Worksite Raids. Employers*  
12 *are Largely Escaping Charges*, The Washington Post (June 30, 2025),  
13 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/06/30/ice-raids-arrests-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/06/30/ice-raids-arrests-workers-companies/)  
14 [workers-companies/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/06/30/ice-raids-arrests-workers-companies/) (noting an April announcement by ICE officials that the agency  
15 had arrested more than 1,000 workers during Trump’s first 100 days and collecting  
16 stories of workplace raids across the country); Mark Moran, *ICE Detains More than*  
17 *530 People in Workplace ‘Raids’ in U.S. Northeast*, United Press International (Jan.  
18 23, 2025), [https://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2025/01/23/ice-details-538-ion-](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2025/01/23/ice-details-538-ion-workplace-raids/7811737692376/)  
19 [workplace-raids/7811737692376/](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2025/01/23/ice-details-538-ion-workplace-raids/7811737692376/).

20 <sup>66</sup> Maanvi Singh & Will Craft, *As deportations ramp up, immigrants increasingly*  
21 *fear Ice check-ins: ‘All bets are off’*, The Guardian (Apr. 6, 2025),  
22 [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/deportations-immigrants-ice-](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/deportations-immigrants-ice-trump)  
23 [trump](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/deportations-immigrants-ice-trump); Nidia Cavazos, *Immigrants at ICE check-ins detained, held in basement of*  
24 *federal building in Los Angeles, some overnight*, CBS News (June 7, 2025),  
25 [https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigrants-at-ice-check-ins-detained-and-held-in-](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigrants-at-ice-check-ins-detained-and-held-in-basement-of-federal-building-in-los-angeles/)  
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27 <sup>67</sup> Julia Ainsley, *Trump admin tells immigration judges to dismiss cases in tactic to*  
28 *speed up arrests*, NBC News (June 11, 2025),  
29 [https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/trump-admin-tells-](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/trump-admin-tells-immigration-judges-dismiss-cases-tactic-speed-arrest-rcna212138)  
30 [immigration-judges-dismiss-cases-tactic-speed-arrest-rcna212138](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/trump-admin-tells-immigration-judges-dismiss-cases-tactic-speed-arrest-rcna212138); Luis Ferré-  
31 Sadurní, *Inside a Courthouse, Chaos and Tears as Trump Accelerates Deportations*,  
32 N.Y. Times (June 12, 2025),  
33 [https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/12/nyregion/immigration-courthouse-arrests-](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/12/nyregion/immigration-courthouse-arrests-trump-deportation.html)  
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36 <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/nx-s1-5409403/trump-immigration-courts-arrests>;  
37 Martha Bellisle, et al., *Immigration officers intensify arrests in courthouse hallways*  
38 *on a fast track to deportation*, AP News (June 11, 2025),  
39 [https://apnews.com/article/immigration-court-arrests-ice-deportation-](https://apnews.com/article/immigration-court-arrests-ice-deportation-99d822cdc93ae7dc26026c27895d5ea1)  
40 [99d822cdc93ae7dc26026c27895d5ea1](https://apnews.com/article/immigration-court-arrests-ice-deportation-99d822cdc93ae7dc26026c27895d5ea1) (describing new tactic in which immigration  
41 judges grant a government motions dismiss deportation proceedings, enabling ICE  
42 officers—often masked—to arrest noncitizens immediately outside in the hallway  
43 and place them on an expedited path to removal).

44 <sup>68</sup> Press Release, DHS, *Statement from a DHS Spokesperson on Directive Expanding*  
45 *Immigration Law Enforcement to Some Department of Justice Officials* (Jan. 23,  
46 2025), [https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/01/23/statement-dhs-spokesperson-](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/01/23/statement-dhs-spokesperson-directive-expanding-immigration-law-enforcement)  
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1 99. Meanwhile, the administration began systematically dismantling  
2 internal accountability mechanisms and restraints on immigration agents’ and  
3 officers’ conduct. The administration shut down multiple oversight agencies  
4 (retaining only a version of their former selves after the administration was sued).<sup>69</sup>  
5 Investigations were closed.<sup>70</sup> Officers no longer had to abide by enforcement  
6 priorities.<sup>71</sup> Long-standing guidance restricting enforcement operations in sensitive  
7 locations—schools, hospitals, places of worship and public demonstrations—was  
8 rescinded.<sup>72</sup>

9 100. But these changes were not enough, according to the administration. In  
10 late May, Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller summoned 25 ERO Field Office  
11 Directors and 25 HSI Special Agents to a meeting to demand that “everybody” be  
12 targeted.<sup>73</sup> Under Miller’s directive, agents no longer needed to develop vetted target  
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16 <sup>69</sup> Nicolae Viorel Butler, *Court Forces DHS to Preserve Immigrant Rights Offices*,  
17 *Migrant Insider* (May 27, 2025), [https://migrantinsider.com/p/court-forces-dhs-to-preserve-immigrant?utm\\_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm\\_campaign=f9e1ee6428-tips-6-2-25&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-663ab9ab77-284225192](https://migrantinsider.com/p/court-forces-dhs-to-preserve-immigrant?utm_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm_campaign=f9e1ee6428-tips-6-2-25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-663ab9ab77-284225192)”  
18 [https://migrantinsider.com/p/court-forces-dhs-to-preserve-immigrant?utm\\_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm\\_campaign=f9e1ee6428-tips-6-2-25&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-663ab9ab77-284225192](https://migrantinsider.com/p/court-forces-dhs-to-preserve-immigrant?utm_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm_campaign=f9e1ee6428-tips-6-2-25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-663ab9ab77-284225192).

19 <sup>70</sup> Press Release, Government Accountability Project, *DHS Halted 500+ Civil Rights Investigations When It Shut Down Oversight Office, Whistleblowers Say* (May 15, 2025), <https://whistleblower.org/press-release/dhs-halted-500-civil-rights-investigations-when-it-shut-down-oversight-office-whistleblowers-say/>.

20 <sup>71</sup> Press Release, DHS, Statement from a DHS Spokesperson on Directives Expanding Law Enforcement and Ending the Abuse of Humanitarian Parole (Jan. 21, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/01/21/statement-dhs-spokesperson-directives-expanding-law-enforcement-and-ending-abuse> (noting a directive “rescind[ing] the Biden Administration’s guidelines for . . . enforcement actions that thwart law enforcement in or near so-called “sensitive” areas”).

21 <sup>72</sup> Marisa Kabas, *ICE agents get green light to make unjustified warrantless arrests*, *The Handbasket* (June 12, 2025), <https://www.thehandbasket.co/p/ice-warrantless-arrests-castanon-nava>.

22 <sup>73</sup> Stuard Anderson, *Stephen Miller’s Order Likely Sparked Immigration Raids and Protests*, *Forbes*, Jun. 9, 2025, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuardanderson/2025/06/09/stephen-millers-order-likely-sparked-immigration-arrests-and-protests/>.

1 lists of individuals suspected of being in the United States unlawfully.<sup>74</sup> ICE agents  
2 were instructed in an email to “turn the creativity knob up to 11” and aggressively  
3 “push the envelope,” including by pursuing “collaterals”—individuals that by  
4 definition would not have warrants.<sup>75</sup> As another e-mail put it: “If it involves  
5 handcuffs on wrists, it’s probably worth pursuing.”<sup>76</sup>

6 101. The administration set a new arrest quota of 3,000 arrests per day and  
7 reportedly threatened job consequences if officials failed to meet arrest quotas.<sup>77</sup>

8 102. The overriding message to agents and officers carrying out immigration  
9 operations on the ground was to prioritize arrest numbers, regardless of the law.  
10 Agents and officers were granted sweeping discretion to achieve this goal.

11 **G. Defendant Agencies Have a History of Unconstitutional and Unlawful  
12 Conduct**

13 103. The agencies involved in the Los Angeles area immigration raids  
14 include DHS and its components, ICE ERO, ICE HSI, and the U.S. Border Patrol, as  
15 well as DOJ law enforcement agencies including the FBI<sup>78</sup> and others (including  
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17 <sup>74</sup> Elizabeth Findell, *supra* note 2 (reporting that agents were no longer required to  
18 develop target lists of noncitizens unlawfully present in the U.S., marking a shift  
from longstanding policy).

19 <sup>75</sup> José Olivares, *US immigration officers ordered to arrest more people even  
20 without warrants*, The Guardian (June 4, 2025), [https://www.theguardian.com/us-  
news/2025/jun/04/immigration-officials-increased-detentions-collateral-arrests](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/04/immigration-officials-increased-detentions-collateral-arrests).

21 <sup>76</sup> José Olivares, *US immigration officers ordered to arrest more people even  
22 without warrants*, The Guardian, (June 4, 2025), [https://www.theguardian.com/us-  
news/2025/jun/04/immigration-officials-increased-detentions-collateral-arrests](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/04/immigration-officials-increased-detentions-collateral-arrests).

23 <sup>77</sup> Elizabeth Findell, et al., *supra* note 2; Julia Ainsley, et al., *A sweeping new ICE  
24 operation shows how Trump’s focus on immigration is reshaping federal law  
25 enforcement*, NBC News (June 4, 2025), [https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-  
department/ice-operation-trump-focus-immigration-reshape-federal-law-  
enforcement-rcna193494](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/ice-operation-trump-focus-immigration-reshape-federal-law-enforcement-rcna193494).

26 <sup>78</sup> Cameron Kiszla, *Immigration agents raid several L.A. businesses, encounter  
27 protestors*, KTLA (June 6, 2025), [https://ktla.com/news/local-news/federal-agents-  
28 raid-home-depot-in-westlake-district/](https://ktla.com/news/local-news/federal-agents-raid-home-depot-in-westlake-district/) (“The FBI confirmed to KTLA that it is  
participating in the HSI raids, not just in Los Angeles but nationwide, ‘as directed  
by the Attorney General. As we have been asked to do, we are sending Agents to  
participate in these immigration enforcement efforts,’ the statement said.”).

1 ATF<sup>79</sup> and DEA).<sup>80</sup> A number of these agencies have a history of engaging in  
2 unconstitutional and unlawful stops and arrests.

3 104. For example, the U.S. Border Patrol has a documented history of  
4 Fourth Amendment violations in the U.S. interior: U.S. Border Patrol agents have  
5 relied on perceived race or ethnicity to select who to stop, conducted suspicionless  
6 stops, executed warrantless home raids, and carried out illegal worksite operations.  
7 Courts have repeatedly intervened to curb these practices. *See LaDuke v. Nelson*,  
8 762 F.2d 1318 (9th Cir. 1985), *amended*, 796 F.2d 309 (9th Cir. 1986), *affirmed*,  
9 799 F.2d 547, 551 (9th Cir. 1986) (upholding permanent classwide injunction  
10 against warrantless raids on farmworker housing in Washington, Idaho, and  
11 Montana); *International Molders' and Allied Workers' Local Union No. 164 v.*  
12 *Nelson*, 643 F. Supp. 884, 887-89, 899-901 (N.D. Cal. 1986) (granting preliminary  
13 injunction barring the now-defunct Livermore Border Patrol Sector from replicating  
14 the unlawful practices it had used in “Operation Jobs,” a weeklong series of about  
15 50 workplace raids across Northern California where agents stopped workers for  
16 questioning without reasonable suspicion and arrested people who refused to answer  
17 questions, including U.S. citizens).

18 105. Most recently, the El Centro Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, one of  
19 the key participants in the raids being challenged in this suit, was the focus of a suit  
20 filed in the Eastern District of California over a Kern County operation called  
21 “Operation Return to Sender.” The tactics challenged here—including widespread  
22 racial profiling, suspicionless stops, and warrantless arrests without determination of  
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26 <sup>79</sup> Press Release, ICE, *ICE Los Angeles announces 239 illegal aliens were arrested*  
27 *during recent operation* (May 14, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-los-angeles-announces-239-illegal-aliens-were-arrested-during-recent-operation>  
(confirming ATF’s involvement in ICE operations in the Los Angeles area).

28 <sup>80</sup> *Id.* (confirming DEA’s involvement in ICE operations in the Los Angeles area).

1 flight risk—bear the unmistakable hallmarks of “Operation Return to Sender.”<sup>81</sup>  
2 Like the raids challenged here, “Operation Return to Sender” spread through  
3 agricultural communities and also targeted day laborer pick up sites. On April 29,  
4 2025, the court granted a preliminary injunction barring the U.S. Border Patrol from  
5 engaging in these unlawful practices. *United Farm Workers v. Noem*, No. 1:25-CV-  
6 00246 JLT CDB, 2025 WL 1235525, at \*1 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 29, 2025). The ruling  
7 recognizes that, in the Ninth Circuit, “Hispanic appearance is of little or no use in  
8 determining which particular individuals among the vast Hispanic populace should  
9 be stopped.” *Id.* at \*46 (quoting *United States v. Montero-Camargo*, 208 F.3d 1122,  
10 1134 (9th Cir. 2000)). And the El Centro Sector Chief Bovino, who led “Operation  
11 Return to Sender,” is now at the helm of operations in the Los Angeles area, inviting  
12 him to replicate his tactics in this District.

13 106. ICE, which typically handles immigration enforcement in the interior  
14 and “manag[es] all aspects of the immigration enforcement process, including the  
15 identification, arrest, detention, and removal of [noncitizens],”<sup>82</sup> has likewise been  
16 found to violate the Fourth Amendment, statutory, and regulatory rights of  
17 individuals it encounters in the field.

18 107. For instance, in 2008, ICE HSI agents conducted a workplace raid in  
19 Van Nuys, California. Agents executed a search warrant but also engaged in  
20 detentive stops of workers without individualized reasonable suspicion. The Ninth  
21 Circuit eventually ruled that this was unlawful and invalidated the ensuing removal  
22 proceedings. *Perez Cruz v. Barr*, 926 F.3d 1128, 1137 (9th Cir. 2019) (citing 8  
23 C.F.R. § 287.8(b)).

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26 <sup>81</sup> Sergio Olmos & Wendy Fry, *Border Patrol said it targeted known criminals in*  
27 *Kern County. But it had no record of 77 of 78 arrestees*, CalMatters (Apr. 8, 2025),  
<https://calmatters.org/economy/2025/04/border-patrol-records-kern-county/>.

28 <sup>82</sup> *Enforcement and Removal Operations*, U.S. Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement, <https://www.ice.gov/about-ice/ero> (last visited June 30, 2025).

1 108. In *Nava v. DHS*, a plaintiff class in Chicago challenged a pattern and  
2 practice of ICE conducting warrantless arrests without making required  
3 determinations under 8 U.S.C. § 1357. *Nava v. Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 435 F.  
4 Supp. 3d 880, 885 (N.D. Ill. 2020). The case resulted in a settlement that included a  
5 nationwide policy about warrantless arrests and vehicle stops.<sup>83</sup> In June 2025,  
6 despite a pending motion to enforce the settlement agreement and motion to extend  
7 the settlement agreement, ICE terminated its policy under the settlement that  
8 required officers to document the circumstances of warrantless arrests and vehicle  
9 stops.<sup>84</sup>

10 109. Meanwhile, in this District, in May 2024, plaintiffs secured a summary  
11 judgment order in *Kidd v. Mayorkas*, 734 F. Supp. 3d 967, 982 (C.D. Cal. 2024),  
12 holding unlawful ICE’s practice of entering onto the curtilage of homes during  
13 “knock and talks” for the purpose of carrying out arrests without a judicial warrant.  
14 Public reports confirm that in late May, Defendant Essayli, instead directed DOJ law  
15 enforcement agencies to take over door knocking tasks.<sup>85</sup>

16 110. In sum, Defendants in this case have demonstrated a willingness to  
17 bypass basic constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements when it comes to  
18 immigration enforcement, even before top-down pressure demanded adherence with  
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20 <sup>83</sup> See *Nava v. DHS*, Proposed Settlement Agreement, [https://www.aclu-](https://www.aclu-il.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/proposed_settlement.pdf)  
21 [il.org/sites/default/files/field\\_documents/proposed\\_settlement.pdf](https://www.aclu-il.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/proposed_settlement.pdf); see also National  
22 Immigrant Justice Center, *Final Settlement Regarding ICE Warrantless Arrests and*  
23 *Vehicle Stops: Overview of Settlement Requirements and Remedies* (last updated  
24 Jan. 17, 2025), [https://immigrantjustice.org/final-settlement-regarding-ice-](https://immigrantjustice.org/final-settlement-regarding-ice-warrantless-arrests-and-vehicle-stops-overview-of-settlement-requirements-and-remedies/)  
25 [warrantless-arrests-and-vehicle-stops-overview-of-settlement-requirements-and-](https://immigrantjustice.org/final-settlement-regarding-ice-warrantless-arrests-and-vehicle-stops-overview-of-settlement-requirements-and-remedies/)  
26 [remedies/](https://immigrantjustice.org/final-settlement-regarding-ice-warrantless-arrests-and-vehicle-stops-overview-of-settlement-requirements-and-remedies/).

27 <sup>84</sup> Marisa Kabas, *ICE agents get green light to make unjustified warrantless arrests*,  
28 *The Handbasket* (June 12, 2025), [https://www.thehandbasket.co/p/ice-warrantless-](https://www.thehandbasket.co/p/ice-warrantless-arrests-castanon-nava)  
[arrests-castanon-nava](https://www.thehandbasket.co/p/ice-warrantless-arrests-castanon-nava).

29 <sup>85</sup> Hamed Aleaziz & Todd Heisler, *Under Pressure From the White House, ICE*  
30 *Seeks New Ways to Ramp Up Arrests*, *N.Y. Times* (June 11, 2025),  
31 <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/11/us/politics/ice-la-protest-arrests.html>.  
32 Defendants in that case also indicated in a court pleading that they intend to resume  
33 ICE knock and talks as of July 1, 2025. Plaintiffs in that case have sought to confirm  
34 whether this is still their intent and have not received a response.



1 dramatically higher arrest quotas. When their practices have come under scrutiny,  
2 rather than take the opportunity to conform their conduct to the law, they have  
3 evaded accountability by replicating those practices in another geographic area,  
4 declining to document what they do, and directing other federal partners not under  
5 court order to take over tasks that have been found to be unconstitutional. It is  
6 therefore no surprise that the immigration raids in the Los Angeles area have been  
7 marked by systematic disregard of the law.

## 8 **H. Experiences of Individual Plaintiffs**

### 9 *Petitioner-Plaintiff Pedro Vasquez Perdomo*

10 111. In the early morning of June 18, 2025, in Pasadena, California,  
11 Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo was waiting at a bus stop across the street  
12 from Winchell's Donuts with several co-workers to be picked up for a job.

13 112. Suddenly, about four cars converged on his location, and about half a  
14 dozen masked agents jumped out on either side of him. They had weapons and  
15 masks, and did not identify themselves.

16 113. To Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo, it felt like a kidnapping. He  
17 tried to leave but was swiftly surrounded, grabbed, handcuffed, and put into one of  
18 the vehicles.

19 114. At the time he was handcuffed, agents did not have reasonable  
20 suspicion of a violation of immigration law.

21 115. It was only after he was brought to a nearby CVS parking lot that  
22 agents checked Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo's identification.

23 116. No warrant was shown. Upon information and belief, agents did not  
24 have a warrant of any kind for Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo's arrest.

25 117. Agents proceeded with a warrantless arrest of Petitioner-Plaintiff  
26 Vasquez Perdomo without making an individualized determination of risk of flight.

27 118. If agents had evaluated Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo for risk of  
28 flight, they would have learned he had lived in Pasadena for decades.

1 119. Agents did not inform Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo that they  
2 were immigration officers authorized to make an arrest or of the basis for his arrest.

3 120. At the time this action was filed, Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo  
4 had been transported to and was being held at the federal building at 300 North Los  
5 Angeles St. in B-18. There he experienced extremely crowded and unsanitary  
6 conditions, was given little to eat or drink, and slept on the floor. Today he remains  
7 in custody at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center.

8 121. Petitioner-Plaintiff has representation in his removal proceedings. His  
9 counsel is located in Pasadena, California.

10 122. Petitioner-Plaintiff's family is located in Pasadena, California.

11 123. Petitioner-Plaintiff is diabetic and has felt increasingly ill since his  
12 arrest. He has felt depressed since his arrest and reasonably fears being racially  
13 profiled again if he is released from detention.

14 *Petitioner-Plaintiff Carlos Alexander Osorto*

15 124. In the early morning of June 18, 2025, in Pasadena, California,  
16 Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto was waiting to be picked up for work with his co-worker  
17 Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo.

18 125. When federal agents approached, Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto was  
19 terrified. He had seen videos of what had been happening around Los Angeles and  
20 also had heard of masked people who were not even government agents taking  
21 community members away. He tried to run, but one of the agents caught up to him  
22 and pointed a taser at his head and said "stop or I'll use it!" Petitioner-Plaintiff  
23 Osorto stopped immediately.

24 126. Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto was handcuffed and put into a vehicle.

25 127. At the time he was handcuffed, agents did not have reasonable  
26 suspicion of a violation of immigration law.

27 128. It was only after he was brought to a nearby CVS parking lot that  
28 agents asked Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto if he had papers.

1 129. No warrant was shown. Upon information and belief, agents did not  
2 have a warrant of any kind for Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto's arrest.

3 130. Agents proceeded with a warrantless arrest of Petitioner-Plaintiff  
4 Osorto without making an individualized determination of risk of flight.

5 131. If agents had evaluated Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto for risk of flight,  
6 they would have learned he had built homes all around Los Angeles, lived in  
7 Pasadena for more than a decade, and had 7 grandchildren who are U.S. citizens.

8 132. Agents did not inform Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto that they were  
9 immigration officers authorized to make an arrest or of the basis for his arrest.

10 133. At the time this action was filed, Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto had been  
11 transported to and was being held at the federal building at 300 North Los Angeles  
12 St. in B-18. The facility was full and when people asked for help officers told them  
13 there was no food, no water, and no medicine. Today he remains in custody at the  
14 Adelanto ICE Processing Center.

15 134. Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto has representation in his removal  
16 proceedings. His counsel is located in Pasadena, California.

17 135. Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto's family is located throughout Los Angeles  
18 County, including in Pasadena, California.

19 136. Petitioner-Plaintiff Osorto has developed high blood pressure, he  
20 believes as a result of the stress he has experienced. He has been scared and  
21 overwhelmed by what happened and fears being targeted again, if he is released, for  
22 being a Latino person in construction clothes.

23 *Petitioner-Plaintiff Isaac Antonio Villegas Molina*

24 137. In the early morning of June 18, 2025, in Pasadena, California,  
25 Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina was waiting to be picked up for work with his  
26 co-workers Petitioner-Plaintiff Vasquez Perdomo and Petitioner-Plaintiff Alexander  
27 Osorto.

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1 138. When federal agents approached, Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina  
2 was also afraid but tried his best to stay calm.

3 139. An agent yelled at Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina not to run, even  
4 though he was still and calm. He was told to provide his ID and he provided his  
5 California ID, but the agent kept questioning him. At this point, he did not feel free  
6 to leave.

7 140. When they were questioning him, agents did not have reasonable  
8 suspicion of a violation of immigration law.

9 141. No warrant was shown. Upon information and belief, agents did not  
10 have a warrant of any kind for Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina's arrest.

11 142. Agents proceeded with a warrantless arrest of Petitioner-Plaintiff  
12 Villegas Molina without making an individualized determination of risk of flight.

13 143. If agents had evaluated Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina for risk of  
14 flight, they would have learned he had lived in Pasadena for 13 years and had  
15 worked at restaurants across Los Angeles.

16 144. Agents did not inform Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina that they  
17 were immigration officers authorized to make an arrest or of the basis for his arrest.

18 145. At the time this action was filed, Petitioner-Plaintiff Villegas Molina  
19 had been transported to and was being held at the federal building at 300 North Los  
20 Angeles St. in B-18. He slept on the floor and was given almost nothing to eat.  
21 Today he remains in custody at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center.

22 146. Petitioner-Plaintiff has representation in his removal proceedings. His  
23 counsel is located in Pasadena, California.

24 147. Petitioner-Plaintiff has had a difficult time in detention. He fears being  
25 targeted again because of his race.

26 *Plaintiff Jorge Hernandez Viramontes*

27 148. On the morning of June 18, 2025, Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes was  
28 working at a car wash in Orange County, where he has worked for approximately 10

1 years, when immigration agents arrived. This was the third time that agents had  
2 raided the carwash since June 9, 2025.

3 149. During this visit by agents, like with previous visits, agents did not  
4 identify themselves. They did not show a warrant. They simply went from person to  
5 person interrogating them about their identity and immigration status.

6 150. Agents questioned Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes' co-worker, a U.S.  
7 citizen, about his citizenship *three* separate times in one visit.

8 151. When agents got to Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes, they asked him if  
9 he was a citizen, and he replied yes and explained he was a dual citizen of the U.S.  
10 and Mexico. They asked for an ID, which he provided. Agents then explained that  
11 his ID wasn't enough and since he didn't have his passport, they were taking him.

12 152. Agents placed Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes in a vehicle and  
13 transported him away. During this time, Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes did not  
14 know if they were going to take him to a detention center.

15 153. Agents verified his citizenship and about 20 minutes later, brought him  
16 back to the car wash, but not before his brother called his wife, who had become  
17 deeply worried.

18 154. When agents brought Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes back to the car  
19 wash, they did not apologize.

20 155. Shortly after agents returned Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes to the car  
21 wash, yet *another* group of agents raided the carwash again.

22 156. Plaintiff Hernandez Viramontes is shaken by what happened and fears  
23 being targeted again on the basis of his Latino appearance and accent.

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1 *Plaintiff Jason Brian Gavidia*

2 157. In the afternoon of June 12, 2025, Plaintiff Gavidia, a U.S. citizen, was  
3 at a tow yard in Los Angeles County that was visited by immigration agents  
4 conducting a roving patrol.<sup>86</sup>

5 158. Around 4:30 p.m., upon hearing someone say immigration agents may  
6 be at the premises, Plaintiff Gavidia went outside to confirm this. At the time, his  
7 clothes were dirty from working on his car.

8 159. On the sidewalk outside the gate, Plaintiff Gavidia saw a federal agent  
9 between two cars step forward. Soon after, Plaintiff Gavidia saw several other  
10 agents wearing similar vests with the words “Border Patrol Federal Agent.” He also  
11 noticed the agents were carrying handguns and at least two of the agents had a  
12 military-style rifle.

13 160. As Plaintiff Gavidia attempted to head back inside the tow yard  
14 premises, an agent said, “Stop right there.” At this point, Plaintiff Gavidia did not  
15 feel that he could leave. The agent was masked.

16 161. While the agent approached Plaintiff Gavidia, another unmasked agent  
17 ran towards him and asked if he was American. Plaintiff Gavidia told the agent that  
18 he is American multiple times. The agent responded by asking, “What hospital were  
19 you born in?” Plaintiff Gavidia calmly replied that he did not know. The agent  
20 repeated the same question two more times, and each time Plaintiff Gavidia  
21 provided the same answer. At that point, the agents forcefully pushed Plaintiff  
22 Gavidia up against the metal gated fence, put his hands behind his back, and twisted  
23 his arm. Plaintiff Gavidia had been on his phone, and the masked agent also took his  
24 phone from his hand at that point.

25 162. Plaintiff Gavidia explained that the agents were hurting him and that he  
26 was American. The unmasked agent asked a final time, “What hospital were you

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28 <sup>86</sup> Complaint, *United States v. Javier Ramirez*, No. 2:25-MJ-03646-DUTY (C.D. Cal. June 13, 2025); *see also* Brittny Mejia, *supra* note 23.

1 born in?” Plaintiff Gavidia responded again that he did not know and said East L.A.  
2 Plaintiff Gavidia then told the agents that he could show them his Real ID. The  
3 agents had not asked to see Plaintiff Gavidia’s identification.

4 163. When Plaintiff Gavidia showed his Real ID to the agents, one of them  
5 took it from him. It ultimately took about 20 minutes for -Plaintiff Gavidia to get his  
6 phone back. But the agents never returned Plaintiff Gavidia’s Real ID.

7 164. Plaintiff Gavidia’s interaction with the federal agents was one of the  
8 worst experiences he has ever had. He is disturbed and deeply concerned about  
9 being targeted again because of his race.

10 **I. Harms to Organizational Plaintiffs and/or Their Members**

11 165. Since they began on June 6, 2025, federal immigration raids have led to  
12 the arrest of over 1,500 people and counting, many of whom have been stopped  
13 without reasonable suspicion, and/or arrested without probable cause. For those who  
14 have been arrested, many have been denied the right to consult with their attorneys,  
15 and have been held under conditions with insufficient food, shelter, clothing, and  
16 medical care. These conditions, of both arrests and detentions, have caused profound  
17 harm to individuals and families, and destabilized entire communities. The chilling  
18 effect extends beyond directly impacted individuals. For example, the Mayor of  
19 Pasadena described seeing a “huge drop in attendance at local community  
20 programs,” once “vibrant neighborhoods” now “eerily quiet” and business owners  
21 “concerned that their workers and customers alike are too afraid to show up.”<sup>87</sup>

22 166. These harms have extended to organizational Plaintiffs and/or their  
23 members.

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27 <sup>87</sup> Victor M. Gordo, *Pasadena Mayor: Trump’s Immigration Raids Hurt*  
28 *Communities Like Mine*, Time (June 18, 2025), <https://time.com/7295305/pasadena-trump-immigration-raids>.

1 ***Plaintiff Los Angeles Worker Center Network (LAWCN)***

2 167. LAWCN is a regional organization made up of eight worker centers  
3 and labor organizations that work together to build power and develop worker  
4 leadership organizing with Black, immigrant, and refugee workers and other  
5 workers of color in the Los Angeles region. LAWCN’s member organizations work  
6 to improve conditions in low-wage industries, including car wash, garment, home  
7 care, restaurant, retail, warehouse, and other low-wage sectors. LAWCN’s members  
8 each have at least one representative on its Executive Committee, and the  
9 Committee has regular standing meetings in which the member organizations  
10 provide input on LAWCN’s strategic planning and goals, including by having the  
11 voting members cast votes on key strategic questions.

12 168. LAWCN improves conditions for low-wage workers through capacity  
13 building, organizing, services, and policy advocacy at the city, county, and state  
14 level. In pursuing LAWCN’s mission to build the power and grow the capacity of  
15 local worker centers to organize and advocate for low-wage workers, LAWCN has a  
16 long term and sustained focus on issues related to immigration and immigrant  
17 workers. LAWCN has engaged in policy reform and advocacy aimed at increasing  
18 immigrant workers’ access to governmental services. Additionally, through its  
19 capacity-building efforts, LAWCN’s work supports immigrant justice by improving  
20 the conditions and dignity of immigrant workers in Southern California.

21 169. LAWCN brings this suit on behalf of its member organizations, worker  
22 centers that organize and advocate for low-wage workers in the greater Los Angeles  
23 region. At least one of LAWCN’s member organizations, CLEAN Carwash Worker  
24 Center (CLEAN), has been harmed by the ongoing raids in Southern California.  
25 CLEAN is a grassroots worker center that fights for the self-determination of  
26 immigrant and working-class people by empowering carwash workers to make  
27 lasting changes in the carwash industry and their communities.

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1 170. CLEAN has approximately 1,800 members who are carwash workers  
2 from the greater Los Angeles area. Its members are predominantly Latino and many  
3 are immigrants or the children of immigrants. CLEAN has three tiers of membership  
4 available to workers, depending on how much each member wishes to participate in  
5 CLEAN’s organizing work. CLEAN’s members help set the priorities for the  
6 organization. It holds standing membership meetings during which members  
7 provide feedback and input into CLEAN’s goals and work.

8 171. CLEAN’s mission includes fighting for the self-determination of  
9 immigrants. A consistent focus of CLEAN’s work is to provide its members access  
10 to immigration-related support and resources. Some of this work involves providing  
11 training and support to members about immigration issues. CLEAN has also  
12 organized programming and events, including attending rallies and events, in  
13 support of immigration reform.

14 172. Carwashes have been a consistent and ongoing target of immigration  
15 agents during the course of the raids—at least two dozen have been raided so far.<sup>88</sup>  
16 Some carwashes have closed because so many workers have either been detained or  
17 fear future raids.<sup>89</sup>

18 173. Dozens of CLEAN’s members have been detained by immigration  
19 agents while at work. At least one identifiable CLEAN member, Jesus Aristeo Cruz  
20 Utiz, has been subjected to Defendants’ unlawful stop and arrest practices.

21 174. Many CLEAN members, regardless of the stability or permanence of  
22 their immigration status, fear that immigration agents will subject them to unlawful  
23 stops and arrests. They are terrified that masked and unidentifiable immigration  
24 agents will invade their workplaces without a warrant, grab them, handcuff them,  
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26 <sup>88</sup> Kaitlyn Huamani & Suhauna Hussain, *More L.A. car washes targeted in*  
27 *immigration raids, some closed amid fears of further sweeps*, L.A. Times (June 20,  
28 2025), <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-06-20/la-car-washes-targeted-immigration-raids-business-closures>.

<sup>89</sup> *Id.*

1 and take them away. They are fearful of being racially profiled and stopped by  
2 immigration agents while in public or at their places of employment.

3 ***Plaintiff United Farm Workers (UFW)***

4 175. Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Larry Itliong and  
5 other labor leaders, UFW is the largest farm worker union in the country. UFW's  
6 mission is to improve the lives, wages, and working conditions of agricultural  
7 workers and their families. UFW is dedicated to the cause of eliminating  
8 discrimination against farm workers, immigrants, people of color, and any other  
9 groups that have been the target of unfair or unlawful treatment. As part of this  
10 work, UFW is a national leader in the movement for immigration reform and  
11 immigrants' rights.

12 176. UFW has approximately 10,000 members. California is home to more  
13 UFW members than any other state, with members in counties across the Central  
14 District of California, such as Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside  
15 County, Ventura County, and San Bernardino County. UFW membership is  
16 voluntary and consists of various categories of members. Among these, contributing  
17 or associate members are individuals who make a monthly or annual contribution of  
18 a designated amount to UFW. Dues-paying members are those who benefit from a  
19 UFW collective bargaining agreement.

20 177. UFW members play an important role in deciding what activities UFW  
21 engages in as an organization. At the UFW's quadrennial Constitutional  
22 Convention, members introduce and vote on motions to govern and guide the  
23 union's work, and to elect the Union Executive Board. On an ongoing basis, UFW  
24 members respond to surveys, provide feedback, and participate in advisory meetings  
25 (known as "consejo de base" in Spanish) to actively participate in the Union's  
26 decisions. UFW has created various programs in response to members' feedback  
27 and requests.

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1 178. UFW membership comes with a variety of benefits. Dues-paying  
2 members receive protections from collective bargaining in which UFW engages on  
3 their behalf. Contributing or associate members (also called “direct” members)  
4 receive UFW photographic identification, accidental life insurance of \$4,000, access  
5 to UFW discounts with private businesses, and other benefits. For services that  
6 prioritize agricultural workers, UFW direct membership establishes membership.

7 179. UFW brings this action on behalf of its members. UFW’s members  
8 have been harmed by the ongoing immigration raids in Southern California and fear  
9 being subjected to unlawful stops, arrests, and detention practices in the future. At  
10 least one UFW member—Angel—has been subjected to Defendants’ stop and arrest  
11 practices.

12 180. Despite UFW’s lawsuit against DHS and the Border Patrol, filed on  
13 February 26, 2025,<sup>90</sup> these concerns remain today.

14 181. Many UFW members, regardless of the stability or permanence of their  
15 immigration status, fear that immigration agents will continue to subject farm  
16 workers and day laborers to unlawful immigration stops and arrests, especially those  
17 who appear non-white. These members face irreparable harm from Defendants’  
18 unlawful practices.

19 ***Plaintiff the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)***

20 182. CHIRLA was founded in 1986, and its mission is to advance the human  
21 and civil rights of immigrants and refugees. CHIRLA ensures immigrant  
22 communities are fully integrated into our society with full rights and access to  
23 resources.

24 183. As a membership organization, CHIRLA has approximately 50,000  
25 members across California, including both U.S. citizens and noncitizens of varying  
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27 <sup>90</sup> Complaint, *UFW v. Noem*, No. 1:25-cv-00246 JLT CDB (E.D. Cal. Feb. 26,  
28 2025), [https://www.aclusocal.org/sites/default/files/001\\_complaint.pdf](https://www.aclusocal.org/sites/default/files/001_complaint.pdf).

1 immigration status. CHIRLA has members in every county in this District. Many of  
2 CHIRLA members are day laborers, car wash workers, and street vendors.  
3 CHIRLA's membership is predominantly Latino.

4 184. CHIRLA is the largest statewide immigrant rights organization in  
5 California, with over 185 staff members who provide services to thousands of  
6 Californians each year. Its legal department has assisted approximately 30,000  
7 people with direct services and legal education, including numerous CHIRLA  
8 members.

9 185. Some of CHIRLA's members pay dues to the organization, and those  
10 dues help fund the organization's operations. Other CHIRLA members have become  
11 members by virtue of their participation in the organization's meetings, programs,  
12 and policy campaigns.

13 186. CHIRLA's members regularly meet with each other in regional  
14 committees. Committee meetings can range from a small handful of people to  
15 hundreds. In addition, CHIRLA's student members hold regional statewide  
16 conference calls and meetings throughout the year. During these meetings,  
17 CHIRLA's members plan local advocacy campaigns, share information, and discuss  
18 issues that affect them, their families, and their local communities. Information from  
19 these meetings is reported to CHIRLA's leadership and used to guide CHIRLA's  
20 programmatic agenda.

21 187. CHIRLA also holds quarterly membership retreats at which coreleaders  
22 discuss issues they are seeing in their communities and set priorities for the  
23 organization.

24 188. CHIRLA also coordinates the Los Angeles Rapid Response Network  
25 (LARRN) and educates its membership as well as the broader community through  
26 know your rights programming, workshops, social media, and educational literature  
27 about a variety of social services and benefits, including immigration law, financial  
28 literacy, workers' rights, and civic engagement. CHIRLA is often a first point of

1 contact for individuals seeking direct assistance and accurate information about  
2 policy changes impacting immigrants.

3 189. CHIRLA brings this action on behalf of its members who reasonably  
4 fear being subject to the stop and arrest practices challenged in this case and  
5 subsequent detention at B-18. Since immigration authorities began arresting and  
6 detaining predominately Latino people across Southern California, including in  
7 places where CHIRLA members live and go, they have become terrified that they  
8 too will be taken from their families and communities. Indeed, some CHIRLA  
9 members, including those with legal status, have begun carrying around their  
10 passports, have refrained from being at bus stops, and have reduced how much they  
11 go out in public because they are afraid of being stopped and detained unlawfully.

12 190. As a result of Defendants' actions, CHIRLA's mission to serve the  
13 immigrant community, including through the provision of legal advice and services,  
14 is being frustrated. Throughout the last month, CHIRLA's attorneys and  
15 representatives have attempted to communicate with individuals at B-18, were  
16 denied access, and were thwarted in their efforts to offer legal advice to even those  
17 detainees they saw at a distance as government officials used car horns to drown  
18 them out. Defendants' actions are also thwarting CHIRLA's work to coordinate the  
19 LARRN as other attorneys and representatives summoned by CHIRLA to B-18 have  
20 been similarly denied access.

21 ***Plaintiff Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)***

22 191. ImmDef was founded in 2015 with the mission of protecting the due  
23 process rights of immigrants facing deportation. At its inception, it sought to achieve  
24 this goal through implementation of the universal representation model—i.e.,  
25 ensuring that every immigrant appearing before the immigration court was  
26 represented by an attorney. ImmDef is now the largest removal defense nonprofit  
27 organization in Southern California, providing full-scale deportation defense, legal  
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1 representation, legal education, and social services to approximately 30,150 detained  
2 and non-detained children and adults annually.

3 192. ImmDef’s Welcoming Project provides “Know Your Rights” trainings  
4 throughout ImmDef’s service area, which includes the counties of Los Angeles,  
5 Orange, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. These trainings aim to  
6 educate immigrant community members about the immigration system and about  
7 their due process and civil rights.

8 193. ImmDef’s Rapid Response team is also part of LARRN, with  
9 CHIRLA, and monitors a hotline and responds to notifications about individuals  
10 detained in enforcement actions. When possible, ImmDef takes referrals to represent  
11 detained individuals in their removal proceedings within ImmDef’s service area. If  
12 ImmDef is unable to represent an individual referred through LARRN, ImmDef  
13 attempts to connect that individual with pro bono representation.

14 194. ImmDef’s attorneys and representatives have been denied access to  
15 people in detention, including those being held at B-18. As a result of Defendants’  
16 actions, ImmDef’s mission to serve the immigrant community, including through  
17 the provision of legal advice and services, is being fundamentally frustrated.

18 **J. Defendants’ Illegal Conduct Will Continue if Not Enjoined**

19 195. The federal government has repeatedly made clear its intent to continue  
20 its operations and unlawful stops, arrests, and detentions. Defendants have been  
21 candid about their determination to continue pursuing these unlawful policies and  
22 practices, unless this Court enjoins them from doing so.

23 196. Indeed, federal officials have been open about the ongoing and  
24 expanding nature of these unlawful immigration raids.

25 197. White House official Tom Homan recently maligned Los Angeles as a  
26 sanctuary city and vowed, “We’re going to send a whole boatload of agents. . . .  
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1 We're going to swamp the city.<sup>91</sup> He has stated, "This operation is not going to  
2 end,"<sup>92</sup> and, "Every day in LA we're going to enforce immigration law. I don't care  
3 if they like it or not."<sup>93</sup> Kristi Noem has also said, "We're going to stay here and  
4 build our operations until we make sure that we liberate the city of Los Angeles."<sup>94</sup>  
5 Noem told agents "your performance will be judged every day by how many arrests  
6 you, your teammates and your office are able to effectuate. Failure is not an  
7 option."<sup>95</sup>

8 198. While immigration enforcement may be done lawfully, these  
9 statements demonstrate a commitment to continue operations at any cost, including  
10 at the expense of individuals' constitutional and legal rights. Plaintiffs have already  
11 been harmed, and they face a reasonable likelihood of continuing harm, as a result  
12 of Defendants' unlawful policies and practices described herein. Plaintiffs have no

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14 <sup>91</sup> Jenny Jarvie & Grace Toohey, *Trump immigration raids: Stunning, yet*  
15 *predictable*, L.A. Times Online (June 15, 2025),  
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-15/clash-trump-los-angeles-immigration-inevitable>.

16 <sup>92</sup> Andrea Castillo, *'We need to find these people': L.A. immigration raids a sign of*  
17 *what's to come, officials say*, L.A. Times Online (June 12, 2025),  
<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2025-06-12/we-need-to-find-these-people-l-a-immigration-raids-a-sign-of-whats-to-come-officials-say>.

18 <sup>93</sup> Jacob Soboroff & Doha Madani, *Trump's border czar threatens arrest for*  
19 *immigration interference, warns Newsom and Bass not to 'cross that line'*, NBC  
20 (June 8, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/tom-homan-trump-border-czar-los-angeles-rcna211701>.<sup>94</sup> Adrian Florido & Liz Baker, *DHS vows immigration*  
21 *raids will continue as resistance mounts*, NPR (June 12, 2025),  
22 <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/g-s1-72513/dhs-immigration-raids-los-angeles-protests>.<sup>95</sup> Tyler Pager, et al., *Trump's Conflicting Messages on Workplace Raids*  
23 *Leave Businesses Reeling*, N.Y. Times (June 17, 2025),  
24 <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/17/us/politics/trump-conflicting-messages-workplace-raids.html>.

25 <sup>94</sup> Adrian Florido & Liz Baker, *DHS vows immigration raids will continue as*  
26 *resistance mounts*, NPR (June 12, 2025), <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/12/g-s1-72513/dhs-immigration-raids-los-angeles-protests>.<sup>95</sup> Tyler Pager, et al., *Trump's*  
27 *Conflicting Messages on Workplace Raids Leave Businesses Reeling*, N.Y. Times  
28 (June 17, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/17/us/politics/trump-conflicting-messages-workplace-raids.html>.

<sup>95</sup> Tyler Pager, et al., *Trump's Conflicting Messages on Workplace Raids Leave*  
*Businesses Reeling*, N.Y. Times (June 17, 2025),  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/17/us/politics/trump-conflicting-messages-workplace-raids.html>.



1 plain, adequate, or complete remedy at law to address the wrongs described herein.  
2 Injunctive and declaratory relief is necessary to redress their ongoing injuries.

3 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

4 199. The Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves, and  
5 in the case of the organizational Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs, their members. In addition,  
6 the Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs bring this action under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure  
7 23(a) and (b)(2), on behalf of classes of persons similarly situated to themselves and  
8 their members. Plaintiffs seek to represent three classes of individuals who have  
9 been or will be subjected to several of the unlawful practices this lawsuit challenges:  
10 suspicionless stops; warrantless arrests without evaluations of flight risk; and the  
11 failure to identify authority and the reason for arrest.

12 ***The Suspicionless Stop Class***

13 The Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs seek to represent a class under Federal Rules of  
14 Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) consisting of:

15 All persons who, since June 6, 2025, have been or will be subjected to a  
16 detentive stop by federal agents in this District without a pre-stop,  
17 individualized assessment of reasonable suspicion concerning whether  
18 the person (1) is engaged in an offense against the United States or (2)  
19 is a noncitizen unlawfully in the United States.

20 200. *Numerosity.* The proposed class meets the numerosity requirements of  
21 Rule 23(a)(1) because it consists of a large number of similarly situated individuals  
22 located within this District, such that joinder of all members of the class is  
23 impracticable. Although the number of individuals who have been or will be subject  
24 to unconstitutional detentive stops by federal agents is not known with precision,  
25 class members number in the thousands. Since June 6, 2025, federal agents have  
26 arrested more than 1,500 people within the District, and likely conducted  
27 unconstitutional detentive stops on many more.

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1           201. *Common Questions of Law and Fact.* The proposed class meets the  
2 commonality requirements of Rule 23(a)(2) because all members of the proposed  
3 class have been or will be subjected to the same unconstitutional practices. Thus,  
4 there are numerous questions of law and fact common to the proposed class, which  
5 predominate over any individual questions, including:

6           (a) Whether Defendants have a policy, pattern, or practice of conducting  
7 stops without regard to whether reasonable suspicion exists that the person (1)  
8 is engaged in an offense against the United States or (2) is a noncitizen  
9 unlawfully in the United States; and

10           (b) Whether Defendants’ policy, pattern, or practice of conducting stops  
11 without regard to whether reasonable suspicion exists that the person (1) is  
12 engaged in an offense against the United States or (2) is a noncitizen  
13 unlawfully in the United States violates the Fourth Amendment or applicable  
14 regulations.

15           ***The Warrantless Arrest Class***

16           202. The organizational Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs—LAWCN, UFW, and  
17 CHIRLA—also seek to represent a class consisting of:

18           All persons, since June 6, 2025, who have been arrested or will be  
19 arrested in this District by federal agents without a warrant and without  
20 a pre-arrest, individualized assessment of probable cause that the  
21 person poses a flight risk.

22           203. *Numerosity.* The proposed class meets the numerosity requirements of  
23 Rule 23(a)(1) because it consists of a large number of similarly situated individuals  
24 located within this District, such that joinder of all members of the class is  
25 impracticable. Although the number of individuals who have been or will be subject  
26 to unlawful warrantless arrests by Defendants is not known with precision, class  
27 members number in the thousands. Since June 6, 2025, federal agents have arrested  
28 more than 1,500 people within the District, with no indications of possessing a

1 warrant or conducting any sort of pre-arrest, individualized assessment of probable  
2 cause that the person poses a flight risk.

3 204. *Common Questions of Law and Fact.* The proposed class meets the  
4 commonality requirements of Rule 23(a)(2) because all members of the proposed  
5 class have been or will be subjected to the same unconstitutional practices. Thus,  
6 there are numerous questions of law and fact common to the proposed class, which  
7 predominate over any individual questions, including:

8 (a) Whether Defendants have a policy, pattern, or practice of conducting  
9 warrantless arrests without probable cause that an individual is likely to  
10 escape before a warrant can be obtained for the arrest;

11 (b) Whether Defendants’ policy, pattern, or practice of conducting stops  
12 without probable cause that an individual is likely to escape before a warrant  
13 can be obtained for the arrest violates 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2); and

14 (c) Whether Defendants’ policy, pattern, or practice of conducting stops  
15 without probable cause that an individual is likely to escape before a warrant  
16 can be obtained for the arrest violates 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii).

17 ***The Failure to Identify Class***

18 205. The organizational Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs—LAWCN, UFW, and  
19 CHIRLA—also seek to represent a class consisting of:

20 All persons who, since June 6, 2025, have been arrested or will be  
21 arrested in this District by federal agents, where agents (1) fail to  
22 identify as an immigration officer who is authorized to execute an  
23 arrest, and/or (2) fail to state that person is under arrest and the reason  
24 for arrest, after it is practical and safe to do so.

25 206. *Numerosity.* The proposed class meets the numerosity requirements of  
26 Rule 23(a)(1) because it consists of a large number of similarly situated individuals  
27 located within this District, such that joinder of all members of the class is  
28 impracticable. Although the number of individuals who have been or will be subject

1 to unlawful arrests in which agents failed to identify themselves in the manner  
2 required by law is not known with precision, class members number in the  
3 thousands. Since June 6, 2025, federal agents have arrested more than 1,500 people  
4 within the District, and it has been widely reported that Defendants do not generally  
5 identify themselves during these arrests.

6       207. *Common Questions of Law and Fact.* The proposed class meets the  
7 commonality requirements of Rule 23(a)(2) because all members of the proposed  
8 class have been or will be subjected to the same unconstitutional practices. Thus,  
9 there are numerous questions of law and fact common to the proposed class, which  
10 predominate over any individual questions, including:

11       (a) Whether Defendants have a policy, pattern, or practice of (1) failing to  
12       (1) identify as an immigration officer who is authorized to execute an arrest,  
13       or (2) failing to state that person is under arrest and the reason for arrest, after  
14       it is practical and safe to do so; and

15       (b) Whether Defendants' policy, pattern, or practice of (1) failing to  
16       identify as an immigration officer who is authorized to execute an arrest, or  
17       (2) failing to state that person is under arrest and the reason for arrest, after it  
18       is practical and safe to do so violates 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(iii).

19       ***Allegations Common to All Classes***

20       208. The proposed classes satisfy the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil  
21 Procedure 23(a)(1) because they are sufficiently numerous so as to make joinder  
22 impracticable.

23       209. Joinder is also impractical because the proposed class includes  
24 individuals who will be subject to Defendants' unlawful practices in the future and  
25 therefore cannot be joined.

26       210. *Typicality.* The proposed classes further meet the typicality requirement  
27 of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3). Plaintiffs' legal claims are typical to all  
28 members of the proposed classes. Plaintiffs have no interests separate from those of

1 the classes they seek to represent, and seek no relief other than the relief sought on  
2 behalf of each class. Defendants have acted and intend to act in a manner adverse to  
3 the rights of the Suspicionless Stops Class and the Warrantless Arrest Class, making  
4 final injunctive and declaratory relief appropriate with regard to each class as a  
5 whole.

6       211. *Propriety of Class Action Mechanism.* The prosecution of individual  
7 actions against Defendants by individual members of the proposed class would be  
8 inefficient and create a risk of inconsistent and varying adjudications.

9       212. *Adequacy of Class Representation.* The proposed classes meet the  
10 adequacy requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4). Each putative  
11 class representative has committed to fairly and adequately representing the interests  
12 of the Suspicionless Search Class, the Warrantless Arrest Class, and the Failure to  
13 Identify Class. Plaintiffs know of no conflict between their interests and those of the  
14 proposed class and, in fact, seek relief identical to the relief sought by all class  
15 members.

16       213. *Adequacy of Counsel for the Class.* The Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs' counsel  
17 are experienced in class action, civil rights, and immigrants' rights litigation.  
18 Plaintiffs' counsel have the requisite level of expertise to adequately prosecute this  
19 case on behalf of Plaintiffs and the proposed classes. Plaintiffs' counsel will fairly  
20 and adequately represent the interests of each class.

21       214. Finally, the proposed classes satisfy Rule 23(b)(2) because Defendants  
22 have acted on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making equitable  
23 relief appropriate with respect to the class as a whole.

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1 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

2 **COUNT ONE**

3 ***Violation of Fourth Amendment:***  
4 ***Unreasonable Seizures***  
5 ***On Behalf of the Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs and the Suspicionless Stop Class***  
6 ***Against All Defendants***

7 215. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and  
8 every allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

9 216. Except at the border and its functional equivalents, the Fourth  
10 Amendment prohibits Defendants from conducting a detentive stop to question a  
11 person without reasonable suspicion that a person is a noncitizen unlawfully in the  
12 United States.

13 217. “A person’s mere propinquity to others independently suspected of  
14 [unlawful] activity does not, without more, give rise to probable cause to search [or  
15 seize] that person.” *Perez Cruz v. Barr*, 926 F.3d 1128, 1138 (9th Cir. 2019)  
16 (quotation omitted). “‘Reasonable suspicion’ is no different.” *Id.*

17 218. Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of stopping individuals  
18 without regard to reasonable suspicion that they are unlawfully in the United States.

19 219. As a part of Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice, when conducting  
20 stops, Defendants engage in a show of force so overwhelming that a reasonable  
21 person would not feel free to leave. As a matter of policy, pattern, and practice,  
22 Defendants do not evaluate the need for force or tailor the force they use to the  
23 circumstances of individual stops and arrests.

24 220. Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice violates the Fourth  
25 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



**COUNT TWO**

***Violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2)  
Warrantless Arrests Without Probable Cause of Flight Risk  
On Behalf of Plaintiffs LAWCN, UFW, CHIRLA,  
and the Warrantless Arrest Class  
Against All Defendants***

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5 221. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every  
6 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

7 222. 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2) requires that arrests without a warrant be  
8 accompanied by “reason to believe” that an individual is “likely to escape before a  
9 warrant can be obtained for [their] arrest.”

10 223. Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of making arrests  
11 without any warrant without making an individualized determination of flight risk.  
12 They have no mechanism for ensuring compliance with the statutory limits of  
13 agents’ and officers’ warrantless arrest authority and do not provide guidance to  
14 agents and officers on how to make an individualized determination of likelihood of  
15 escape. Defendants permit agents and officers to make warrantless arrests *carte*  
16 *blanche* in violation of law.

17 224. Defendants’ policy, pattern, and/or practice of making warrantless  
18 arrests without the required individualized flight risk analysis is “final agency  
19 action” that is “in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations” under 8  
20 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2). 5 U.S.C. §§ 704, 706(2)(C).

21 225. Separate from the APA, Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice of  
22 making warrantless arrests without the required individualized flight risk analysis is  
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**COUNT THREE**

***Violation of 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii)  
Standards for Stops and Warrantless Arrests  
On Behalf of Plaintiffs LAWCN, UFW, CHIRLA,  
and the Warrantless Arrest Class  
Against All Defendants***

226. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

227. Defendants are bound by regulation to conform warrantless arrests to the standards in 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c), including the requirement at 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii) that officers have reason to believe that an individual is “likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained.”

228. Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of making arrests without any warrant without making an individualized determination of flight risk. They have no mechanism for ensuring compliance with the regulatory limits of agents’ and officers’ warrantless arrest authority and do not provide guidance to agents and officers on how to make an individualized determination of likelihood of escape. Defendants permit agents and officers to make warrantless arrests *carte blanche* in violation of law.

229. Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice is “final agency action” that is “in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations” under 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii). 5 U.S.C. §§ 704, 706(2)(C).

**COUNT FOUR**

***Violation of 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(iii)  
Failure to Identify Authority and Reason for Arrest  
On Behalf of Plaintiffs LAWCN, UFW, CHIRLA  
Against All Defendants***

230. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations in the paragraphs above as though fully set forth here.

231. The regulations require agents and officers, at the time of an arrest or as soon as it is practicable and safe to do so, to identify themselves as “an immigration

1 officer who is authorized to execute an arrest” and “state that the person is under  
2 arrest and the reason for the arrest.” 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(3).

3 232. Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of not timely  
4 identifying themselves, their authority to execute an immigration arrest, or the  
5 reasons for an arrest.

6 233. Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice is a “final agency action” that  
7 is “in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations” under 8 C.F.R.  
8 § 287.8(c)(2)(ii). 5 U.S.C. §§ 704, 706(2)(C).

9 **COUNT FIVE**

10 ***Violation of the Fifth Amendment:***

11 ***Access to Counsel***

12 ***On Behalf of the Access/Conditions Plaintiffs***

13 ***Against Defendants Noem, Lyons, and Santacruz Jr.***

14 234. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every  
15 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

16 235. Individuals detained at B-18 have the right to hire and consult with  
17 attorneys. Due process also requires that detainees have adequate opportunities to  
18 obtain counsel and to visit and communicate with counsel once counsel is retained.  
19 Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of turning away attorneys at the door  
20 of B-18 and depriving detainees of access to confidential legal consultations by  
21 phone. This lack of counsel has severe consequences. Detainees are forced to  
22 interact with federal immigration officials without the benefit of legal advice even  
23 though it is readily available.

24 236. Defendants’ actions violate the Fifth Amendment.

25 **COUNT SIX**

26 ***Violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1362***

27 ***Access to Counsel***

28 ***On Behalf of the Access/Conditions Plaintiffs***

***Against Defendants Noem, Lyons, and Santacruz Jr.***

237. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every  
allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

1 238. The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) guarantees noncitizens the  
2 right to counsel in connection with inadmissibility and deportability proceedings. 8  
3 U.S.C. §1362; *see also* 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(b)(4)(A); *Colmenar v. INS*, 210 F.3d 967,  
4 971 (9th Cir. 2000); *Orantes-Hernandez*, 919 F.2d at 564.

5 239. This protection necessarily entails the right to consult with an attorney  
6 in advance of any hearing—especially a hearing at which a noncitizen faces  
7 potentially permanent banishment from the United States. *Rios-Berrios*, 776 F.2d at  
8 862. The same substantive standards that protect the Plaintiffs’ right to counsel  
9 under the Due Process Clause apply to their statutory rights under the INA. *See*  
10 *Agyeman v. INS*, 296 F.3d 871, 877 (9th Cir. 2002) (“If a[] [noncitizen] is  
11 prejudiced by a denial of any of the applicable procedural protections, he is denied  
12 his constitutional guarantee of due process.”).

13 240. Defendants have a policy, pattern, and practice of turning away  
14 attorneys at the door of B-18 and depriving detainees of access to confidential legal  
15 consultations by phone. This lack of counsel has severe consequences. Detainees are  
16 forced to interact with federal immigration officials without the benefit of legal  
17 advice even though it is readily available.

18 241. Defendants’ policy, pattern, and practice of denying detained  
19 individuals access to legal advice is “final agency action” that is in excess of  
20 statutory authority. *See* 5 U.S.C. §§ 704, 706(2)(C).

21 **COUNT SEVEN**

22 ***Violation of the Fifth Amendment:***  
23 ***Conditions of Confinement***  
24 ***On Behalf of the Access/Conditions Plaintiffs***  
***Against Defendants Noem, Lyons, and Santacruz Jr.***

25 242. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every  
26 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

27 243. Civil detainees’ conditions of confinement are unconstitutional if they  
28 “amount to punishment.” *Bell v. Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 535 (1979).

1 244. Defendants have allowed conditions to deteriorate at B-18 to an extent  
2 that they amount to punishment. They have failed to provide basic necessities like  
3 food, water, adequate hygiene facilities, and medical care. Defendants have also  
4 violated detainees’ constitutional right to due process by subjecting them to  
5 overcrowding and failing to provide adequate sleeping accommodations at B-  
6 18. Defendants’ ongoing violations of the Fifth Amendment directly harm CHIRLA  
7 and ImmDef’s missions to provide legal services and assistance to community  
8 members, and harm CHIRLA members who will be subject to detentions at B-18 by  
9 depriving them of their fundamental right to an “appropriate place of detention,” and  
10 serving to coerce some detained individuals into accepting voluntary departure  
11 before they have an opportunity to consult counsel.

12 **COUNT EIGHT**

13 ***Violation of Fifth Amendment:***  
14 ***Due Process***  
15 ***On Behalf of Petitioner-Plaintiffs Perdomo, Osorto, and Molina***  
16 ***Against Defendants Noem, Lyons, and Santacruz Jr.***

17 245. Petitioners-Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference  
18 each and every allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

19 246. The government may not deprive a person of life, liberty, or property  
20 without due process of law. U.S. Const. amend. V. “Freedom from imprisonment—  
21 from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at the  
22 heart of the liberty that the Clause protects.” *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 690  
(2001).

23 247. The government’s detention of Petitioners-Plaintiffs violates their  
24 rights to due process because they have been detained without lawful authority,  
25 infringing on their fundamental right to liberty.

26 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

27 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs pray that this Court grant the following relief:  
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- 1 (1) Assume jurisdiction over this matter;
- 2 (2) Certify this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil  
3 Procedure 23(b)(2);
- 4 (3) Appoint the counsel for Stop/Arrest Plaintiffs as class counsel pursuant  
5 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g);
- 6 (4) Declare that Defendants' policy, pattern, and practice of conducting  
7 stops without reasonable suspicion violate the Fourth Amendment of  
8 the United States Constitution;
- 9 (5) Declare that Defendants' policy, pattern, and practice of making  
10 warrantless arrests without individualized flight risk determinations  
11 violate 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2); 8 C.F.R. § 287.8(c)(2)(ii); and the APA;
- 12 (6) Declare that Defendants' policy, pattern, and practice of failing to  
13 identify the authority and reasons for arrests violate 8 C.F.R.  
14 § 287.8(c)(2)(iii); and the APA;
- 15 (7) Declare that Defendants' denial of access to counsel violates the Due  
16 Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States  
17 Constitution;
- 18 (8) Declare that Defendants' policy and practice of denying access to  
19 counsel violate the rights of the Access/Detention Plaintiffs under 8  
20 U.S.C. § 1362 and the APA;
- 21 (9) Declare that the conditions of confinement imposed by Defendants at  
22 B-18 violate the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution;
- 23 (10) Issue a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining further  
24 violations of Plaintiffs' rights;
- 25 (11) Vacate Defendants' unlawful policies and practices that violate  
26 statutory and regulatory law under the APA;
- 27 (12) Enjoin Defendants from transferring Petitioner-Plaintiffs outside of this  
28 judicial district during the pendency of removal proceedings;



- 1 (13) Enjoin Defendants from removing Petitioner-Plaintiffs from the United
- 2 States without the procedures for removal identified in the INA;
- 3 (14) Order the immediate release of Petitioner/Plaintiffs pending these
- 4 proceedings;
- 5 (15) Award reasonable attorneys’ fees, costs, and other disbursements
- 6 permitted under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and
- 7 any other applicable statute, and;
- 8 (16) Order any and all such other relief as the Court deems just, equitable,
- 9 and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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