

SENATE THIRD READING
SJR 9 (Durazo, et al.)
As Amended September 2, 2025
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Condemns and denounce mass immigration raids that target immigrant workers and families in California.

Major Provisions

- 1) WHEREAS, California is home to more than 10 million immigrants, the nation's largest by population and proportion, including over two million undocumented residents, who enrich our communities, strengthen our economy, and contribute to the cultural and social fabric of the Golden State; and
- 2) WHEREAS, Immigrants are deeply rooted in our state's communities, families, and workforce, with 45% of all children in California having at least one immigrant parent and over 50% of all California workers being immigrants or children of immigrants; and
- 3) WHEREAS, Deporting a parent or family member has serious detrimental impacts on children, affecting 3.3 million mixed-status families in California; and
- 4) WHEREAS, Latino and Asian families make up some of the largest undocumented groups, with a majority coming from Mexico, Central America, Asia, and South America; and
- 5) WHEREAS, Deportations tear families apart by separating parents from their children, leaving lasting emotional scars by increasing psychological distress, physical health issues, social isolation, and setbacks in their educational future; and
- 6) WHEREAS, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has targeted Home Depot stores, car washes, business vendors, construction sites, and garment factories in predominantly Latino communities; and
- 7) WHEREAS, United States citizens, based on their skin color and appearance, have been unlawfully harassed, handcuffed, arrested, and deported; and
- 8) WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, ICE, along with armed federal agents, conducted military-style immigration raids and arrests at work sites, homes, and public spaces, creating a climate of fear among immigrants dropping their children off at school, going to work, attending faith services, seeking medical or emergency services, or shopping for essential needs; and
- 9) WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, more than 1600 people have been arrested in the indiscriminate raids at work sites, homes, and public spaces across the County of Los Angeles and dozens more people have been arrested across the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura; and
- 10) WHEREAS, While conducting immigration raids and arrests, ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents sealed off entire streets with the assistance of local law enforcement and the federalized National Guard troops, utilized unmarked armored vehicles, and

conducted warrantless raids in a militarized and indiscriminate manner, sparking widespread panic, fear, and terror among immigrant workers, families, and communities; and

- 11) WHEREAS, The recent immigration raids have been heavily militarized, included the unconstitutional detention and arrest of residents without due process, disproportionately affected communities of color, separated families, undermined public safety and trust in local governments, and deterred families from accessing health care, education, and emergency assistance; and
- 12) WHEREAS, Members of Congress were denied access to conduct oversight visits at the federal "B-18" detention facility and the Adelanto ICE Processing Center to inspect the conditions of detention, despite their right to do so under federal law, and attorneys were repeatedly denied access to people who were arrested during the indiscriminate immigration raids and arrests; and
- 13) WHEREAS, The unconstitutional immigration raids and arrests quickly prompted tens of thousands of community, labor, and faith protests at multiple locations, including the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building and the City of Paramount, where immigration raids were ongoing; and
- 14) WHEREAS, The protests were overwhelmingly peaceful, with demonstrators exercising their First Amendment rights to oppose the Trump Administration's mass immigration raids and to stand in solidarity with immigrant families impacted by these federal actions; and
- 15) WHEREAS, During the course of these protests, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California President David Huerta was injured, arrested, and detained after federal authorities alleged he was obstructing enforcement activities, while union representatives and community members assert he was wrongfully arrested while lawfully observing law enforcement; and
- 16) WHEREAS, The immigration raids and arrests consist of potential violations of constitutional rights, including raids and arrests conducted without warrants and using racial profiling; and
- 17) WHEREAS, Despite clear evidence that local authorities were fully capable of responding to these events, President Trump unilaterally deployed 4,000 California National Guard members and 700 Marines over the objection of California Governor Gavin Newsom, with President Trump's stated intent to crush dissent and further intensify and militarize immigration raids and arrests; and
- 18) WHEREAS, The federal escalation appears to be part of a deliberate strategy to provoke chaos, suppress and criminalize dissent, and terrorize immigrant communities across California and the nation; and
- 19) WHEREAS, President Trump's administration has signaled an intention to intensify nationwide immigration raids and arrests, creating an ongoing threat and danger to California families, workplaces, and neighborhoods; and

- 20) WHEREAS, Multiple elected officials, religious groups, labor unions, and advocacy organizations have denounced the mass immigration raids and pledged to protect and support immigrant communities; and
- 21) WHEREAS, Immigrants play a vital role in stimulating the economy as workers, business owners, taxpayers, and consumers. Their contributions boost national economic growth and lower the United States deficit; and
- 22) WHEREAS, Immigrants help power the fourth largest economy in the world, sourcing one-half of a trillion dollars' worth of products, which represents 5% of the state's gross domestic product. Immigrants also make up nearly one-half of California's agricultural workers, and fuel key industries like manufacturing, construction, and hospitality; and
- 23) WHEREAS, California's undocumented immigrants contributed \$8.5 billion in state and local taxes in 2022 and play a vital role in stimulating the state's economy; and
- 24) WHEREAS, On June 12, 2025, President Trump announced that changes were coming and that "Our great Farmers and people in the Hotel and Leisure business have been stating that our very aggressive policy on immigration is taking very good, longtime workers away from them, with those jobs being almost impossible to replace," but on June 16, 2025, the United States Department of Homeland Security and ICE told staff that it must continue to conduct immigration raids at agricultural businesses, hotels, and restaurants, creating a whiplash of confusion that continues to wreak havoc on our economy, agricultural industry, and small businesses; now, therefore, be it
- 25) Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, that the Legislature hereby strongly condemns the mass immigration raids, targeting of immigrant workers and families, and the militarized federal response in California. The Legislature denounces President Trump's deployment of military forces to suppress community protests and engage in immigration enforcement operations; and be it further
- 26) Resolved, That California stands with immigrant families, workers, and community leaders, and will not tolerate the terrorizing of our neighborhoods under the guise of "enforcement"; and be it further
- 27) Resolved, That California rejects the criminalization of peaceful protest and reaffirms the constitutional rights of all residents to organize, demonstrate, and demand justice without fear of violent retaliation; and be it further
- 28) Resolved, That the Legislature affirms its commitment to safeguarding the rights and safety of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, by upholding the fundamental principles of equal treatment, due process, and civil liberties under the law; and be it further
- 29) Resolved, That the Legislature supports the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement; and be it further
- 30) Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the

Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

"Neighborhoods in my district have been some of the most impacted by the indiscriminate mass deportation efforts and fear tactics spearheaded by the Trump Administration. Senate Joint Resolution 9 sends a clear message that California cares about the fundamental human rights and dignity of its community."

"We have witnessed the horror stories of car wash workers hunted down. We have witnessed day laborers harassed for seeking job opportunities to feed their families. We witnessed garment workers arrested. We have witnessed children targeted at their schools and denied their education. We have witnessed farm workers who feed the Nation afraid to work. We have witnessed organizers and protesters that use nonviolence attacked. We have witnessed families separated. The overwhelming majority of men women and children arrested and detained are Latinos. The locations ICE is targeting are Latino neighborhoods or worksites predominantly Latino. "

"We are witnessing lifelong residents being torn from their communities, parents being taken away from their children, students afraid to go to school, U.S. citizens being unlawfully detained, small businesses closing their doors out of fear, and once lively and bustling cultural landmarks empty. Every day, we receive calls from workers, families, and constituents who have to face the unimaginable. But, we will not let them face it alone. California will not stand idly by while President Trump targets our immigrant communities and undermines the constitutional rights that protect us all. As federal immigration authorities continue to carry out military-style immigration raids and arrests, we must do all we can to stand alongside hard-working Californians who are just trying to make an honest living. They deserve dignity, due process, and just treatment. Undocumented people contribute over \$96 billion in federal, state, and local taxes. A harrowing report reveals that California stands to lose a staggering \$275 billion in GDP if the cruel policies of family separations and relentless ICE raids persist. Additionally, the American Immigration Council estimates that mass deportations could cost about \$88 billion per year, when instead \$88 billion could ease medical debt for millions of people. Where instead we could use just a portion to provide free lunch at schools to all children across the Nation."

"Together, we are using every tool of non-violent resistance available to protect our communities. My colleagues, religious groups, labor unions, and advocacy organizations will march, pray, and organize in peaceful protest, exercising our First Amendment right to denounce mass immigration raids targeting immigrant workers and families in our state. We will stand our ground, turn our voices into action, and act in unity and love for our neighbors. And to families living in fear: I want you to know you belong here, you are not alone, and we will never stop fighting alongside you."

Arguments in Support

According to *California Immigrant Policy Center*, "SJR 9 seeks to denounce and condemn the mass immigration raids and arrests indiscriminately targeting immigrant workers and families across California and militarizing immigration enforcement in Southern California.

"California is the state with the largest immigrant population in the nation, where one in four Californians are immigrants, one in nearly two California children live in an immigrant family, and nearly half of California workers are immigrants or children of immigrants. More than 3.3 million mixed-status families live with undocumented family members across California. Immigrants enrich our communities, strengthen our economy, and contribute to the cultural and social fabric of the Golden State.

"Since June 6, 2025, federal agents – including from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – have been conducting large-scale, indiscriminate raids and arrests at homes, work sites, and public spaces in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties. More than 330 people – including US citizens – have been arrested and detained as of June 11, according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), while local rapid response networks are reporting more than 500 people have been arrested. Additionally, the federal administration has deployed thousands of California National Guard and hundreds of active-duty Marines to Los Angeles. Media reports National Guard and local law enforcement have been protecting federal agents while they conduct mass raids and arrests.

"The federal administration's military-style raids and arrests have stoked intimidation and fear across California. Californians are being snatched from public streets, work sites, courts, schools, and churches by masked, armed federal agents in plainclothes and unmarked vehicles – often without a warrant or regard for constitutional rights and public safety. Immigration raids make California less safe – they make our neighbors and families terrified of going to work, picking up their children, calling for help, seeking medical care, and buying from local businesses.

"Everyone in California deserves safety, dignity and due process — and immigration raids and arrests undermine public safety, tear apart families, destabilize the workforce and economy, terrorize neighborhoods and destroy trust between communities and government. California, a state of immigrants, must take immediate actions to denounce the mass immigration raids and arrests and support immigrant workers and families being terrorized across the state.

"SJR 9 seeks to denounce the mass immigration raids and arrests, condemn the militarization of immigration enforcement, affirm support for safeguarding the rights and safety of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, and support, among other things, the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement."

Arguments in Opposition

None Submitted.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Unknown. This measure is keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 29-6-5

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Jones, Niello, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Dahle, Grove, Ochoa Bogh, Reyes, Seyarto

ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 7-0-2

YES: Schultz, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Nguyen, Ramos, Sharp-Collins

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alanis, Lackey

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