

2026 Strike

IMMIGRANT SAFETY ON THE PICKET LINE



Chapter Chairs, use this guide to answer questions about ICE enforcement during a strike.

Will parents/caregivers and students be safe from immigration agents at the picket lines or the rallies?

We will do everything we can to keep everyone safe if immigration agents show up to our picket lines. Parents/caregivers should choose what is safe for their families. We support a family's decision not to participate in a picket line or rally as a precaution.

If families can't attend the picket lines or rallies, how can parents/caregivers show support for educators?

Parents/caregivers can support by sending an email to the LAUSD superintendent and the school board asking them to end the strike by meeting educators' demands. Share the QR code below with parents so they can send emails, learn about other ways to support, access resources for families, and get strike updates.

How should my chapter team prepare for possible agitators, law enforcement, ICE?

Prepare a quick safety/communication plan you can review every morning with everyone on the picket line. Suggested steps:

1. Identify a point person who may be able to engage directly with authorities to deescalate a difficult situation. Everyone else should exercise their right to remain silent (use Red Cards) and can support in documenting any incidents and help lead picket lines away from authorities to a safe location if needed.
2. Identify a "safe zone" — such as a community center, church, or neighbor's home — for people to go to if needed.
3. Establish a text chat group for your chapter.
4. Be aware of who to alert if ICE is spotted at a school (see next question).

What can a Chapter Chair do if ICE is spotted near a school or near a rally?

Immediately contact your area's Immigrant Justice Team (IJT) Lead for support if ICE is spotted near your school. Below are the names and phone numbers of the IJT team leads. UTLA will alert the LA Rapid Response teams to respond to an ICE sighting.

South: Jake Roth 412-551-9456

Central: Lupe Torres 323-559-4432

North: David De La Cruz 323-354-7191

West: Sandra Ruiz 310-749-2409

East: Thalia Catano 505-514-9089

Harbor: Monica Caballero 619-721-4888

Valley West: Lourdes Quevedo 818-437-9362

Valley East: Leonard Newsome 818-653-1754,
Jorge Boche 818-723-930

How to Report ICE/CBP

LA Rapid Response Network: 888-624-4752

Take a picture of ICE/federal agent

Community Self Defense Coalition: 213-444-6562

Take a picture of ICE/federal agent

LAUSD Family Hotline: 213-443-1300

Call if an LAUSD student or their family needs legal support

Legal Services

Email Immigrant Defenders: info@immdef.org

