

Governing Board Statement Regarding Potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement Raids

The Southwestern College Governing Board has had a long history of supporting immigrant students and vulnerable communities. In words and deeds, the Board has taken a strong stand by enacting [Guiding Principles for Immigrant Students](#) and upholding the [Civil Rights of all residents](#).

The government's raids on our immigrant communities are an affront to basic human rights. While well within their rights to arrest immigrants who have been ordered for deportation, the effort to arrest other immigrants as “collateral” arrests is troubling and goes against every belief we have as a welcoming community.

The Governing Board and college leadership encourage our faculty, staff, and administrators advise and assist our immigrant students in finding resources and making sure they know their rights. We encourage our immigrant community to access resources through [#WeHaveRights](#) and the [San Diego Rapid Response Network](#). Southwestern College students can also visit our new [Dreamer Center](#) for additional resources and support.