



Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

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Civil Rights Organizations, Religious Leaders and Labor Unions Stand with Raid Victims' Family Members to Denounce Raid and Demand Rights for Detainees

What: A press conference to demand that ICE refrain from coercing detainees to sign voluntary departure orders or any other kind or removal orders until after having met with available counsel.

When: February 8, 2007, 2 pm

Where: **Federal Building (B18 Entrance, side entrance on Aliso Street)**
300 Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Who: * Speakers will include **Maria Elena Durazo**, Executive Secretary Treasurer Los Angeles County Federation of Labor **Ahilan Arulanantham**, Director of Programs National Immigration Law Center, **Blanca (Raid Detainee)**, **Antonio Bernabe**, CHIRLA Organizer

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles **CHIRLA**, **UNITE HERE**, **Los Angeles County Federation of Labor**, American Civil Liberties Union, Southern California (**ACLU**), National Immigration Law Center (**NILC**), National Day Laborer Organizing Network (**NDLON**), Instituto Educación Popular Del Sur De California (**IDEPSCA**), Korean Immigrant Workers Alliance (**KIWA**), Multiethnic Workers Organizing Network (**MIWON**), Iglesia de la Placita Olvera, Philipino Workers Center (**PWC**), Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas (**COFEM**), **NAKASEC**, **NALACC**

Why: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted a raid at Microsolutions Enterprises, 8201 Woodley Avenue in Van Nuys, California last night targeted at undocumented workers. We call on ICE to inform detainees that FREE legal assistance is available to all of those detained from the raids as well as to refrain from asking people to sign stipulated orders, voluntary departure orders or any other kinds of removal orders until given counsel. We also wish to alert family members that detainees have a right to remain silent and not to sign any documents. Detainees are also entitled to request a bond.

Finally we want to inform the general public that anyone who wishes to assist the detainees with legal support may write checks written out to CHIRLA, with "Van Nuys Worker Fund" written in the memo line. Checks may be mailed or delivered to the CHIRLA office at 2533 West 3rd Stree, LA, CA 90057

Visuals: Banners, posters, and marchers

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The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was formed in 1986 to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees in Los Angeles, promote harmonious multi-ethnic and multi-racial human relations and through coalition-building, advocacy, community education and organizing, empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just society.