ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

MEMORANDUM

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To: Students of California State University, San Marcos

From: Abigail Elaine Pollard, ASI President & CEO
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Re: Standing with our Immigration-Impacted Community

As students and elected leaders of Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, San Marcos, we are committed to building a campus where all students feel safe, respected, and valued. We as the ASI Executive Officers are deeply concerned about the recent increase in Immigration and Customs enforcement in the Los Angeles and San Diego metropolitan areas, as well as across the nation. These actions don't just affect individuals; they impact entire families, communities, and many of our fellow students. We know this escalation can cause fear and anxiety for undocumented, mixed-status, and immigration-impacted students and their communities. We also understand that these communities are often targeted, dehumanized, and forced to navigate constant threats to their safety and dignity.

We want to make it clear: we see you, we stand with you, and we will continue to advocate for policies and practices that protect and support all students, especially those most at risk. As your ASI Executive Officers, we want to make sure all students are informed and empowered during times like these. In 2017, California passed Senate Bill No. 54 (SB 54) (Stats. 2017, ch. 495) to set limits on how much local and state law enforcement can help with federal immigration enforcement. Learn about this bill and others at: https://www.csusm.edu/undocumented/information/index.html.

Pursuant to this law, ASI understands that the above cited code sections require CSUSM (including the University Police Department) to:

- Not voluntarily comply with Immigration enforcement unless presented a valid judicial warrant which clearly identifies a private space or specific person(s).
- Not release any personal information about students, staff, or faculty to aid immigration enforcement.

As ASI, we're dedicated to making sure our students stay informed and prepared. That's why we continue to work with campus partners to offer *Know Your Rights* workshops in spaces designed to

educate, empower, and support our community during these challenging times. With all of this in mind, we want to share some important CSUSM resources available to support you:

- Free Legal resources are available for incoming/current students (including international students), faculty, staff, and alumni (within two years of graduation) and immediate family members.
- Basic Needs resources, offered by the Cougar Care Network in the Dean of Students Office. Additionally, please visit our ASI Cougar Pantry in Commons 104 (right next to the campus bookstore) for free groceries and hygiene products.
- Community spaces are here for you. Whether you're looking for support, identity-affirming programs, or just a place to connect, check out our Student Life Centers and the Dreamer Resource Office.
- Red 'Know Your Rights' Red Cards, in both English and Spanish, can be found around campus in areas such as ASI Cougar Pantry, Cougar Care Network and Student Life Centers. These free cards offer helpful information if you're ever approached by immigration enforcement.
- If you have questions or are unsure how to respond in a situation, please message the Cougar Bot via CSUSM website, via text message, or visit the 'Support & Service for Immigration Impacted Communities' page on the CSUSM website at: https://www.csusm.edu/undocumented.
- If you feel comfortable and safe doing so, report potential immigration enforcement activity to University Police Department (UPD), please call (760) 750 – 4567.
- If you are in need of any mental health services or resources, contact Student Health & Counseling Services (SHCS) by visiting Monday-Friday 8:00 am -4:45 pm, by phone (760) 750-4915 or via email: shcs@csusm.edu

We would like to remind our Cougar family that your ASI Executive officers are here for you—to serve, support, and stand alongside you during this difficult time. We also encourage that if you need assistance, guidance, or support, please don't hesitate to reach out to ASI via email at asi@csusm.edu.