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Dear UCSB students,

We wanted to remind you all of the resources available to UCSB community, particularly resources to undocumented students. There has been an increase in coverage on undocumented families’ detentions. This coverage and policy adds to stress and struggles that immigrant communities are currently facing under this administration. We offer our support and affirm our commitment to all of the undocumented members of our UCSB community.

Additionally, we recently learned that there was an immigration raid in Goleta, which was allegedly part of a three day operation across the region. According to news reports, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) apprehended 22 people in Santa Barbara County, including 5 in Goleta. There are resources available in case you, or someone you know, need(s) assistance:

If you were affected by this raid or need emergency assistance, please contact Diana Valdivia at (805) 708-4739. She will then work with you, and the immigration attorneys that are assigned to UCSB. These attorneys are Vivek Mittal and Ron Perry, who are part of the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center. Ron is part of the AS legal services and his office is at the AS Pardall Center in Isla Vista. He is available for drop-ins and appointments.

For any other legal services including DACA renewals, family petitions, detention of students and immediate family members, etc. please contact Vivek Mittal, via e-mail or phone at vivek.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu and (530) 219-7256.

Know Your Rights, in case you encounter an ICE officer. You have the right to remain silent; you can choose to exercise that right, especially if an officer is asking you questions about anything including your immigration status. You have the right to refuse consent for a search; if an ICE officer is asking to search your bag, vehicle or residence, you can refuse consent. You also have the right to ask for an attorney who can then speak on your behalf to ICE, if necessary. For more information on your rights, visit this resource: http://iamerica.org/know-your-rights

If you have other questions, visit the FAQ put out by the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center regarding DACA and other pressing immigration issues: https://law.ucdavis.edu/ucimm/.

Throughout the year, Undocumented Student Services continues to provide resources including scholarships, internships, resources, and programs. As a reminder, California’s state laws and policies remain intact including in-state financial aid and access to the CA Dream Act. Below, you will find resources, including Student Affairs departments that are available to offer support and services.

UCSB Resources available for support:

- Undocumented Student Services, dvaldiviaordorica@ucsb.edu, 2210 SRB
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) – consultation available 24/7, 805 893-4411
- Office of Student Life (OSL) – advising regarding speech, advocacy, & posting, 2260 SRB
- CARE Advocates -- support and advocacy, 805 893-4613 to schedule an appointment
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), 805 893-4758 2210 SRB
- Office of the Ombuds – conflict management resources, 1205K Girvetz Hall
- Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), 3rd Floor SRB
- Office of International Students and Scholars, 3rd Floor SRB
- MultiCultural Center (MCC), University Center
Please do not hesitate to be contact us or any of the resources listed, if you need assistance.

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