

# WELCOME!

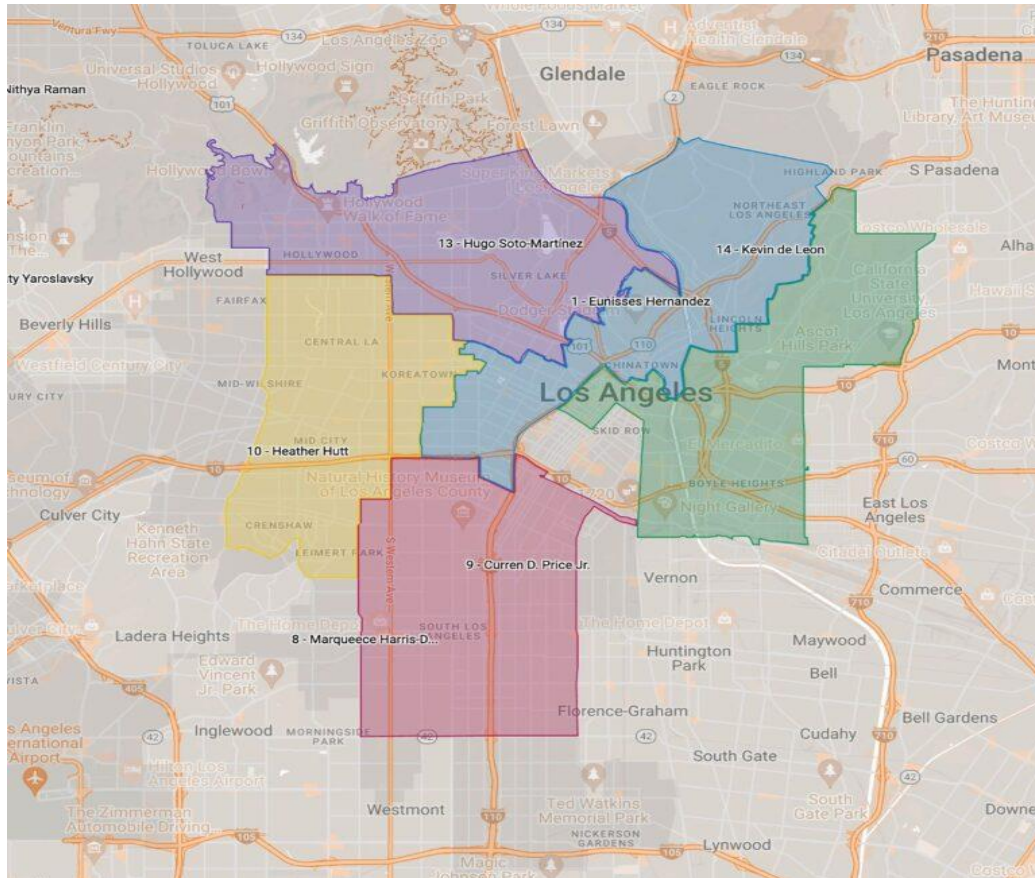


## Street Medicine in the ICE Age

January 22, 2026

# Painting the picture: Some quick statistics

- USC Street Medicine's area



- Census.gov

- Los Angeles, CA

- *Population estimate as of 7/2024 3.8 million*
- *Hispanic or Latino: 47.2%*

## Race and Hispanic Origin

White alone, percent	37.3%
Black alone, percent (a) (a)	8.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a) (a)	1.2%
Asian alone, percent (a) (a)	12.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a) (a)	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	15.7%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b) (b)	47.2%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	28.3%

Many people being  
impacted by ICE, our  
unsheltered neighbors  
included, have deep  
roots on this land,  
histories and lives  
here....

This is my family...  
We've been here for  
generations, citizens of  
this country, and like  
many others, my loved  
ones have even fought  
for this country, but yet  
so many of us are now  
feeling the anxiety and  
fear of ICE



# Protecting Patients: Strategies for Street Medicine Teams

INTERNAL

*\*Home Depot, after an ICE raid in our CD1 area*



# What we're advised to do:

- Hand out Red Cards
- Know Your Rights Flyers
- Know Your Rights Trainings
- Social Media pages for awareness







# What's actually working:

- Being aware of your surroundings
- Evade
- Safety Plans
- Talk with your encampment neighbors
- Understand, Have knowledge of where to “look up” Patients who have been detained
- Know numbers “by hard/heart”

*\*Patient's garden in her encampment, her partner was detained at this spot, and quickly deported*



For a population that is already marginalized, how safe can cards and flyers make you feel when this is the reality of what is happening around you...



*\*Videos taken during street rounds*

A photograph of a person sitting on a piece of cardboard on a sidewalk next to a tent. There is a large puddle of water on the sidewalk. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Impacts to Mental Health:

- Increase in anxiety
- Increase in safety risk
  - Partners being detained/deported
- Increase in depression/hopelessness
- Team Members feeling helpless

***\*Not official statistics, this is based on what I have encountered***



**How do you  
support  
when you're  
experiencing  
the same  
fear and  
anxiety?**



# What's working so far

- Trauma/Healing Centered approach
  - How do we do this in a realistic manner
  - Inability to escape the threat
  - Continued stress, increase in hypervigilance
- Holding Space with our Patients
- Acknowledging the current circumstance
- Validating our Patients, this is real for us



# Street Medicine and ICE

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# The ACLU of Hawai'i

## I. What is it?

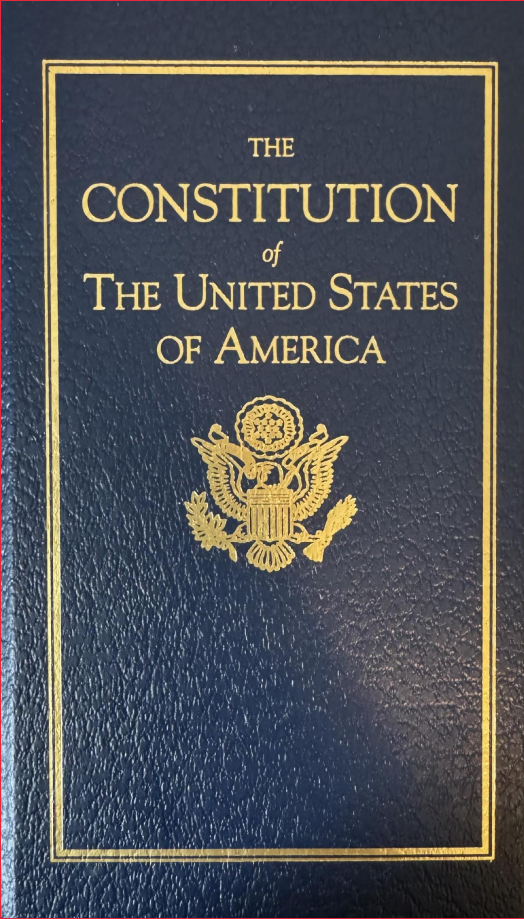
- Non-profit
- Non-partisan
- Civil rights / civil liberties watchdog

## II. What does it do?

- Litigation
- Policy advocacy & lobbying
- Organizing
- Public education & press







# We all have rights.

## **You Have Rights:** (even if you are a non-citizen)

- **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.** You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to tell anyone your name or immigration status. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must show your immigration papers if an Immigration Agent (ICE) requests.
- **DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH.** You have the right to say “no” if an ICE agent asks to search you.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without talking to a lawyer. You have the right to talk to a lawyer.
- **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.** ICE agents must have a warrant signed by a judge before they can enter your home.
- **ASK IF YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE.** If you are stopped outside your home, ask if you can leave. If they say yes, leave calmly.

# Disclaimer

- This presentation is for information purposes, **this is not legal advice**
- Consult with a lawyer if you have specific questions about your (or someone else's) circumstances
- We cannot guarantee the administration will follow the law





We all have the right to . . .

## Be silent.

- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT:**
  - Name or place of birth
  - Immigration status (will need to disclose at border; LPRs have to disclose)
  - Criminal History
- Does not give you the right to lie or provide false documents
- Might need to provide name/address and driver's license during traffic stop by police in certain jurisdictions

# ACTIVITY

**Think about what ID documents you or the people you work with might have...**

What document could ICE use to try to deport someone?

- A. U.S. Driver's License
- B. Library Card
- C. ID from another country (e.g. passport or consular ID)
- D. Staff ID

# What documents can ICE use against you?

Do **not** include information about immigration status

- Municipal ID card
- Library card
- U.S. driver's license
- School or workplace IDs

**Could be used** to determine immigration status or should not be given to law enforcement

- Non-U.S. Passport
- Consular ID or Matricula
- Fake ID
- Someone else's ID
- \*Non-citizens **should** carry around proof of residency for the past 2 years to avoid expedited removal.



We all have the right to . . .

## Be free from unreasonable seizures.

- Seizure = stop or arrest
- Arrest/detention requires probable cause (reason to believe violation of immigration law)
  - ICE will try to get probable cause during an interaction by asking questions or getting consent to search

We all have the right to . . .

## Be free from unreasonable searches.

- No entering private spaces without a warrant\* or consent
- No searching car or belongings without a warrant\*, consent, or arrest
- No searching your person without a warrant\*, consent, or arrest

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONSENT TO A SEARCH**

\* There are exceptions for emergencies/safety considerations

# Entering Private Spaces

- Some courts **require a warrant** to enter a houseless person's dwelling

“The law is meant to apply to the **real world**, and the realities of homelessness dictate that dwelling places are often transient and precarious. The temporary nature of Pippin's tent **does not undermine any privacy interest**. Nor does the flimsy and vulnerable nature of an improvised structure leave it less worthy of privacy protections. For the homeless, those may often be the only refuge for the private in the world as it is.” – *State v. Pippin*, 403 P.3d 907, 913 (Wash. Ct. App. 2017).

- Other courts **uphold warrantless searches** or seizures of dwellings if there is not a legal right to camp on public land



# Personal belongings

- Typically, individuals still have a legitimate expectation of privacy in the personal belongings on their person, in their car, or within a dwelling
- But might **NOT** be protected if the items are outside of a person's dwelling or control
  - This is true even if it is LEGAL to camp somewhere



## If ICE agents say they have a warrant . . .

- Ask if ICE has a warrant signed by a judge
  - They rarely do
- Keep door closed
- Have them slip the document under the door
  - Or hold it up
- If you can, take a picture of that document



# JUDICIAL WARRANTS v. IMMIGRATION WARRANTS

AO 93 (Rev. 12/09) Search and Seizure Warrant

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the  
Eastern District of California

In the Matter of the Search of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Davis, California 95616

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer **2:11-SW-0161 EFB**

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the EASTERN District of CALIFORNIA  
(Identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):  
SEE ATTACHMENT A, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (Identify the person or describe the property to be seized):  
SEE ATTACHMENT B, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property.

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to execute this warrant on or before 5-9-2011  
(not to exceed 14 days)

☐ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. ☐ at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to United States Magistrate Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box) ☐ for \_\_\_\_\_ days (not to exceed 30).  
☐ Until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time issued: 4-25-2011  
9:10:00 AM

City and state: SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

ROMULO F. BRENNAN, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
(Printed name and title)

Is this the right address?

Is it still current?

Note: only the person, property, & areas specified may be searched

Is it actually signed by a judge?

**IF THE ANSWER TO ALL OF THESE IS YES, THEN IT IS LIKELY A VALID JUDICIAL WARRANT**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement**  
**WARRANT OF REMOVAL/DEPORTATION**

File No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To any immigration officer of the United States Department of Homeland Security:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of alien)

who entered the United States at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place of entry) (Date of entry)

is subject to removal/deportation from the United States based upon a final order by:

☐ an immigration judge in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings  
☐ a designated official  
☐ the Board of Immigration Appeals  
☐ a United States District or Magistrate Court Judge

and pursuant to the following provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

I, the undersigned officer of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Secretary of Homeland Security under the laws of the United States and by his or her direction, command you to take into custody and remove from the United States the above-named alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of:

**THESE ARE VISUAL CUES THAT THIS IS AN IMMIGRATION WARRANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of immigration officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of immigration officer)



If ICE comes. . .

## Document the interaction.

- Take a photo of any document ICE agents show you
- Ask someone to openly record the interaction (coming up)
- If ICE agents enter your home, CLEARLY say you do not consent to their entry (but otherwise remain calm)
- Do not resist. Do not shout. Keep yourself and your family safe.
- After the ICE agents leave, take photos of any damage. Write down exactly what happened right away.

# Data Minimization as Best Practice

- Collect only personal information necessary to provide services
  - Avoid (where possible) collecting unnecessary information regarding immigration status (unless required by law, regulation, or funding requirements)
- Notify clients of the facility's privacy policy
- Designate a contact person to respond to data requests
  - Require a valid subpoena before responding to any request for information

# How to support your clients

- **Before** an arrest
  - Train on rights
  - Understand pathways to citizenship
- **During** an arrest
  - Remind them of their rights
  - Ensure that short-term needs are taken care of (medicine, cash, phone number for contacts, remaining belongings)
- **After** an arrest
  - Use ICE locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/>
  - Check in with local partners to understand facility landscape

# Other Resources and Ways to Support Immigrants

- [Red Cards](#)
- [We Have Rights](#) videos
- Local response groups
- Policy advocacy





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