

Theta Nu Xi

Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

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STATEMENT: Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Stands Against Nationwide ICE Raids

CHAPEL HILL, NC - Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. stands against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that have taken place in the United States in the past, those that commenced in 10 major U.S. cities yesterday and any that are planned for the future. This most recent mass deportation effort will target at least 2,000 migrant families who have received deportation orders and could result in the arrest of those who were not the initial targets or mistaken detainment of actual citizens. Eliciting widespread fear and uncertainty within these communities can sow distrust and cause people to go into hiding, further cutting them off from legal resources and support during this time.

With numerous reports of the inhumane treatment and unsanitary conditions at detention centers, along with the separation of families that include children, these practices are a violation of human rights and can be traumatizing to anyone that experiences it. There needs to be more focus on reforming our immigration laws and creating humane pathways to citizenship for those who are here and those who will seek to start a life here in the future.

We remain committed to speaking out and denounce these cruel actions that are criminalizing immigration. We encourage people to take action and challenge the practice of ICE raids by understanding their tactics, assisting those who are at risk of deportation prepare, and strategize about ways to fight back. For our sisters, families and friends who may be at risk of falling victim to or exposed to the raids, we encourage you to know your rights and inform others of theirs.

Recommended Resources: ACLU: lmmigrants' Rights

CASA: Know Your Rights! Protect Yourself and Your Family During Immigration Raids

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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. was founded on April 11, 1997, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a mission to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles. To learn more about Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., visit www.thetanuxi.org.