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Public Statement on President Trump's Immigration- Related Executive Orders

The Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston Decries the Trump Administration's Executive Orders Dehumanizing and Attacking Immigrant Communities

The Mexican American Bar Association of Houston (MABAH) was founded in 1972 to address and discuss legal issues affecting our community. Recently, President Trump issued several executive orders on immigration. MABAH joins numerous community leaders and organizations in denouncing the Executive Orders. These orders are patently unconstitutional, and are a de facto implementation of President Trump's anti-immigration policies.

About the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston. MABAH's purpose is to serve the Hispanic community and the Houston community at large. As one of Texas' largest and oldest Hispanic bar associations, MABAH endeavors to advocate for the Hispanic community on legal issues affecting our communities.

As such, MABAH **unequivocally decries** the Trump Administration's persistent use of dehumanizing rhetoric and fear-mongering policies that target immigrant communities. This language and the actions that follow are not just inflammatory—they are dangerous. They strip individuals of their dignity, fuel division, and perpetuate systemic discrimination that threatens the very foundation of justice and equality in our nation.

We **denounce** the Trump administration's aggressive immigration enforcement tactics, including ICE raids that violate the sanctity of homes, workplaces, schools, courthouses, and even places of worship. These actions have sown fear and instability, leaving families terrified of separation, afraid to send their children to school, to seek medical care, participate in legal proceedings, or engage with their communities. Such policies do not enhance public safety; rather, they create a climate of terror that erodes trust in law enforcement, making communities more vulnerable to crime, exploitation, and violence.

We **condemn** the weaponization of immigration enforcement as a political tool. Beyond its offensive nature, this rhetoric has devastating real-world consequences. When immigrant families are forced into the shadows, crimes go unreported, victims remain silent, and public safety suffers for everyone. No one should have to choose between seeking justice and protecting their family from deportation.



We **reject** any narrative that devalues the *immense contributions of immigrants to this country*. Our communities are built on the hard work, sacrifice, and resilience of those who come here seeking opportunity. We refuse to allow xenophobia to dictate policy. Instead, we demand humane and just solutions that uphold the dignity and rights of all people, regardless of immigration status or nationality.

The Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston **calls upon our leaders to abandon divisive rhetoric and enact policies that reflect our shared values of fairness, respect, and inclusion**. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to standing with the immigrant community, advocating for justice, and providing legal support to those in need.

We will not stand by while fear is used as a weapon against our communities. We will not be silent in the face of injustice. We will continue to fight—through advocacy, legal action, and solidarity—to ensure that all people are treated with the dignity, respect, and protection they deserve.

In solidarity and with unwavering support,

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For more information regarding the immigration-related executive orders and additional resources, please visit our website at www.mabah.com.