

Dear Friends,

Happy Pride Month from all of us at Bet Tzedek! We are honored to be a part of and to be of service to LGBTQIA+ Angeleno communities. Pride began as a riot led by those who refused to stay silent in the face of injustice, a resistance and celebration that continues to inspire and guide our work. We wish to see a world in which LGBTQIA+ individuals can be safe, welcome, included, and uplifted at all intersections, something that is increasingly under threat in a political environment that targets their existence, let alone their legal rights.

Bet Tzedek advocates for LGBTQIA+ individuals by providing free clinics and direct representation to help individuals with **health insurance and benefits denials, discrimination in housing and employment, and public accommodations.** We also support transgender and gender non-conforming individuals with **updating their legal names and gender markers** on identification documents to align with their gender identity.

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MEDIA ALERT! Bet Tzedek on ‘Fox 11 In Depth’ Discussing Immigrants’ Rights



Watch our ‘Fox 11 In Depth with Hal Eisner’ segment featuring Bet Tzedek’s CEO **Diego Cartagena**, Directing Attorney of Kinship and SIJS **Joanna Fluckey**, and Kinship Care Attorney **Lesly Mendoza**. They discuss immigration law, the current immigration crisis, Bet Tzedek’s various free and confidential immigration services, “Know Your Rights” tips to keep immigrant communities safe, and more.

[WATCH HERE!](#)

Standing with Our Immigrant Communities

Earlier this month, ICE began carrying out immigration raids at multiple places across Los Angeles, including Ambiance Apparel in downtown and Home Depot stores in MacArthur Park and Cypress Park, as well as near school graduations. Reports indicate that dozens were detained. This has continued to escalate. Amid protests confronting these raids, the administration has deployed National Guard troops to L.A.

From Diego Cartagena, Bet Tzedek’s Luis Lainer President and CEO: “Our hearts are shattered by the brutality inflicted upon our communities by ICE officials. These armed raids — and expedited deportations without due process — will not make our communities safer. They do nothing more than tear families apart and inflict senseless emotional and physical violence on already vulnerable individuals and communities, and will further erode our democracy as due process protections are shredded.”

Need legal support? Visit bettzedek.org or call (323) 939-0506. You can also get help at one of our partner organizations that specialize in immigration services:

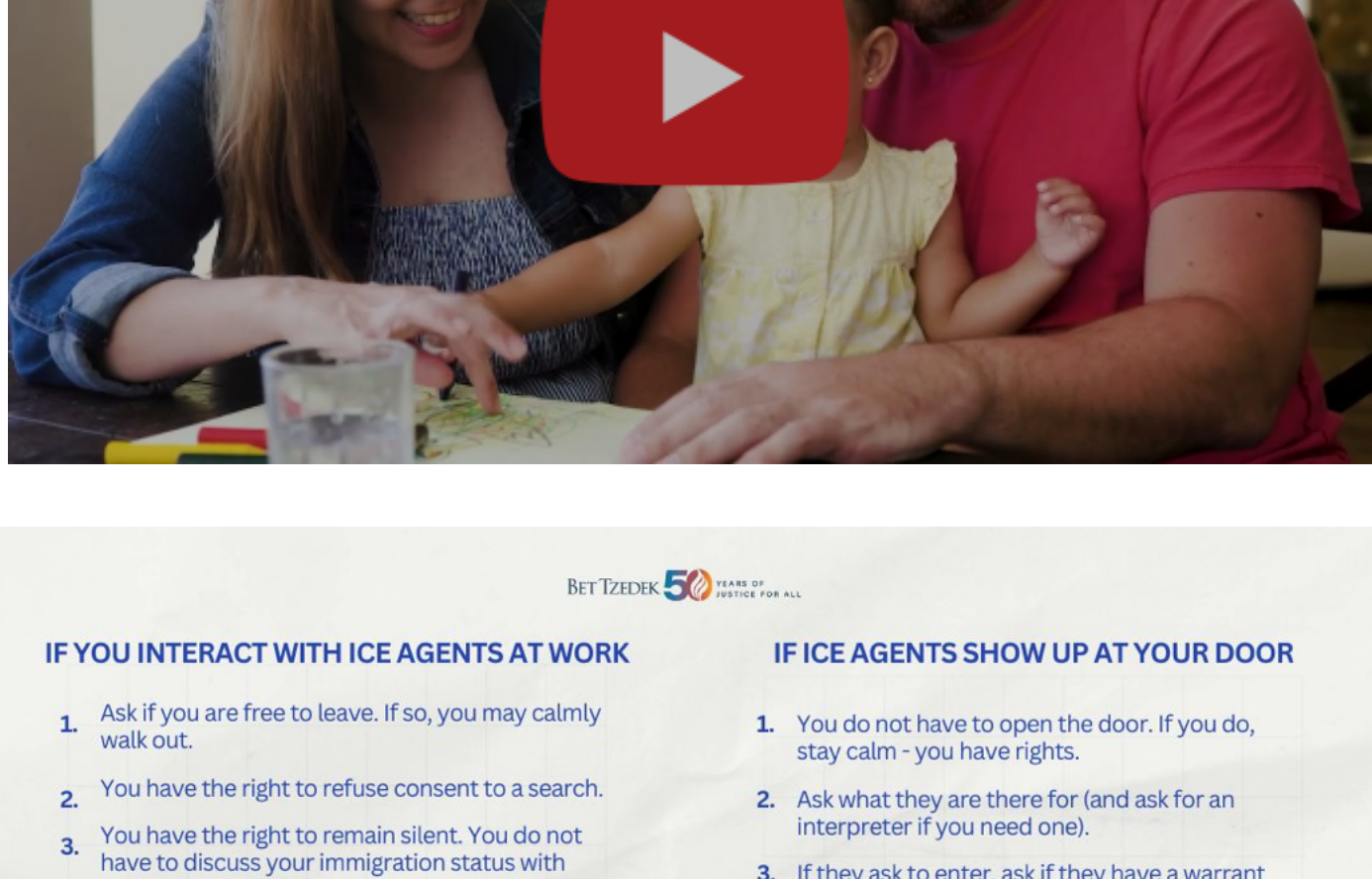
[IMMIGRATION REFERRALS](#)

Vital Information: Immigrants, Know Your Rights

ICE Raids & Family Separation Preparedness



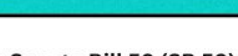
Redadas de ICE y Preparación para la Separación Familiar



IF YOU INTERACT WITH ICE AGENTS AT WORK	IF ICE AGENTS SHOW UP AT YOUR DOOR
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ask if you are free to leave. If so, you may calmly walk out. You have the right to refuse consent to a search. You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to discuss your immigration status with anyone, such as about where you were born, whether you are a citizen, or how you entered the country. If you have valid immigration documents, you should show them. Never provide fake documents. If you are arrested, say that you wish to remain silent until speaking with a lawyer. You have the right to record your interaction with immigration agents as long as you do not interfere. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> You do not have to open the door. If you do, stay calm - you have rights. Ask what they are there for (and ask for an interpreter if you need one). If they ask to enter, ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge and if so, ask to see it (through a window or slipped under the door). If they do not have a warrant signed by a judge, you may refuse to let them in. Ask them to leave any information at your door. If they force their way in, do not resist. Tell everyone in the residence to remain silent. If you are arrested, you have the right to remain silent. Do not sign anything until you speak with a lawyer.

SI AGENTES DE ICE LLEGAN A SU LUGAR DE TRABAJO	SI AGENTES DE ICE LLEGAN A SU PUERTA
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pregunte si se puede marchar. De ser así, váyase tranquilamente. Tiene derecho a no permitir ser registrado. Diga en voz alta que no permite que registren sus pertenencias. Tiene derecho a permanecer callado. No tiene que compartir su estatus migratorio con nadie, incluyendo dónde nació, si es ciudadano, ni cómo entró al país. Si tiene documentos de inmigración válidos, debería mostrarlos. Nunca presente documentos falsos. Si es arrestado, puede decir que quiere permanecer en silencio hasta que hable con un abogado. Tiene el derecho a grabar su interacción con los agentes de inmigración siempre y cuando no interfiera. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No abra la puerta, pero mantenga la calma. Tiene derechos. Pregunta para qué están ahí (y solicite un intérprete si necesita uno). Si piden entrar a su casa, preguntéles si tienen una orden firmada por un juez y si la tienen, dígalos que se la muestren (por la ventana o que la pasen por debajo de la puerta). Si ellos no tienen una orden firmada por un juez, puede negarse a dejarlos entrar. Pídeles que dejen cualquier información en su puerta. Si entran a la fuerza, no se resista. Dígalos a todos que estén en la casa que permanezcan en silencio. Si es arrestado, permanezca en silencio y no firme nada hasta que hable con un abogado.


Protecting Trans Californians’ Privacy: SB 59!



PROTECT TRANS LIVES → SUPPORT SB 59!

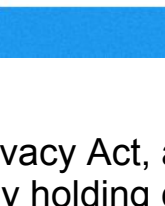
California Senate Bill 59 (SB 59), the **Transgender Privacy Act**, aims to **protect the privacy and safety of transgender and nonbinary individuals** by holding confidential court records related to name and gender marker change petitions, **preventing the public exposure of personal information** such as deadnames and gender transition details.

Take action →



BET TZEDEK SUPPORTS SB 59!

Join us in taking action **against transphobic attacks** by signing the petition today:
<https://action.allout.org/en/m/faf13co9/>



Scan this code or visit the address above to make your voice heard!

California Senate Bill 59 (SB 59), the Transgender Privacy Act, aims to protect the privacy and safety of transgender and nonbinary individuals by holding confidential court records related to name and gender marker change petitions. This will prevent the public exposure of personal information such as deadnames and gender transition details.

For more detailed information about SB 59, you can refer to the [official bill here](#).

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Bet Tzedek in the News: L.A. Times, Daily Journal, and CalMatters

Our team of experts at Bet Tzedek are frequently featured in news stories! Here, they talk about key issues that Bet Tzedek supports in our fight for justice for all. This includes deportations jeopardizing elder care, how expanding legal support for older homeowners is a public need, and Medi-Cal cuts harming elderly and disabled Californians.

L.A. Times

Yvonne Medrano, Bet Tzedek Employment Rights Attorney, was featured in this *Los Angeles Times* article, “If people taking care of our elders get deported, will anyone take their place?” In the piece: “We’ve seen a lot of fear, and we’ve seen workers who no longer want to pursue their cases” when it comes to fighting wage theft, said Yvonne Medrano, an employment rights lawyer with Bet Tzedek, a legal services nonprofit.

[READ IT HERE](#)

Daily Journal

Our Bet Tzedek team members **Anna Darr**, **Dominique Sanz-David**, and **Bertha Sanchez Hayden** wrote a letter-to-the-editor for *Daily Journal* titled, “Expanding Legal Support for Older Homeowners is a Public Need.” They stress that accessible estate planning services are vital for housing and economic stability, and the transfer of generational wealth.

[READ IT HERE](#)

CalMatters

Kim Selfon, Bet Tzedek’s IHSS & Medi-Cal Policy Specialist, was quoted in this *CalMatters* article: “I’m really scared”: Elderly and disabled Californians with more than \$2,000 could lose Medi-Cal.” Her quote: “It’s draconian — \$2,000 is no safety net for people,” said Kim Selfon, an attorney with Bet Tzedek, a legal services organization in Los Angeles.

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Join the Bet Tzedek Team!

Have a passion for helping underserved residents in the community? Please apply for a chance to take a leadership position with dedicated staff and volunteers who help over 60,000 people per year.

Here are some critical positions we need to fill:

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