

SA STANDS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: *reported by Rachael Cundey*

SA Stands members were thrilled to hear about our gift, minuted in December, to facilitate their continued support of immigrant community members.

SA Stands led a letter-writing campaign to call for a city council hearing on SAPD collaboration with immigration enforcement. A special session on that topic was held on January 22nd at 1pm. Over 50 people commented against collaboration in that meeting. Our community stood together for transparency and safety. SA Stands will continue to follow up with City Council about proposed policies to limit collaboration to what is legally required.

SA Stands heard the cries of those detained at Dilley Family Detention Center. Coalition members worked to support the protest in Dilley and to speak against the detention center at a local press conference. Although Liam Conejo Ramos and his father were released, they are now threatened with deportation. Other families in Dilley are still reporting inhumane conditions and calling for release. At least two cases of measles were confirmed in the facility. SA Stands will continue to work toward justice for these families and all held in detention.

One issue that came up last month was the difficulty of getting an urgent message out quickly to local, involved Friends. Would it be useful to create a more limited mailing list or messaging group for announcements of urgent actions?

SA Stands supports the Immigrant Legal Defense Fund which provides representation to Bexar County residents facing deportation. Attorney General Ken Paxton is now suing Bexar County over this program, claiming it violates the Texas constitution's "gift clause" which prohibits local governments from giving public money to private individuals/organizations without a public purpose. SA Stands holds that protecting immigrant community members from unjust deportation is a public purpose, and the fund should be defended in court.

SA Stands is asking members to sign on to their letter by 2/16 at 12pm asking Bexar County Judge Sakai and the Bexar County Commissioners to defend the Fund against this lawsuit.

I propose the following minute on this issue:

MINUTE 2026.02.xx: Friends Meeting of San Antonio affirms the worth and dignity of every human being, including that of our immigrant neighbors. We believe everyone, regardless of income, should have access to legal representation as they seek justice in a flawed system. For these reasons we approve the signing of SA Stands's letter calling on Judge Sakai and the Bexar County Commissioners to defend the Bexar County Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.