

SA Stands Representative Report presented by Angela Starnes

SA Stands continues to work on local policy issues such as the Bexar County Immigrant Legal Defense Fund and the San Antonio city budget process. They also provided a new opportunity for regrants to local organizations engaged in direct support of immigrants through legal aid clinics and other means.

SA Stands is supporting the March for Freedom and Justice on Saturday October 3rd, gathering at Davis Middle School at 8am and marching toward the planned Eastside detention center and back. The march is 2.4 miles round trip.

The Texas ACLU is asking SA Stands member organizations to sign on to a letter written by Vera Institute of Justice. The letter asks state legislators to oppose mandatory pretrial detention based on immigration status or criminal history. This letter would be sent to Texas state representatives and Texas state senators. The deadline to sign on is September 30th.

I propose the following minute:

MINUTE 2026.09.xx All people, including immigrants and people with prior charges or convictions, should have the same right to due process in our criminal legal system. No one should be removed from their community without a fair hearing of their case. Friends Meeting of San Antonio signs on to the letter by Vera Institute for Justice opposing proposals in the state legislature to mandate pretrial detention of predefined groups of people.