

CAMPUS COMMUNITY VOICES CONCERN AND CONFUSION OVER THE DISTRICTS ICE PROTOCOL

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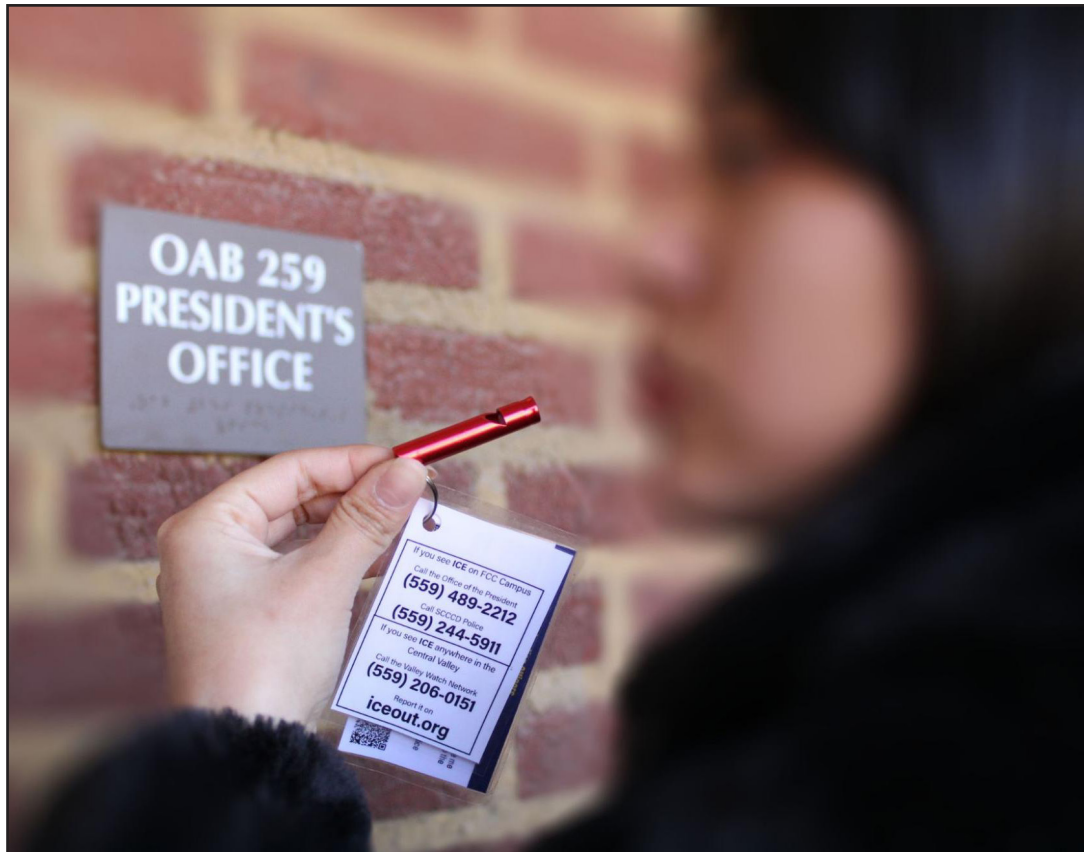
Fresno City College students have made efforts to bring change to the State Center of California Community Colleges (SCCCD) Immigration Control Enforcement (ICE) protocol. A petition to stop staff compliance to this protocol has collected the signatures of more than 50 students.

The protocol that is being referenced is the general instruction if ICE is spotted on the college campus. The process is to notify the president's office at (559) 489-2212, then call the SCCC PD at (559) 244-5911.

Students and faculty are instructed by the district not to give any information about students or staff in the event that they are approached by someone asking for their information. If the individuals identify themselves as ICE, then the procedure is to direct them to the president's office and the SCCC PD. They encourage politeness and professionalism.

The ICE protocol has been instructed to students, faculty and staff through multiple ICE trainings. Information is also given on the FCC website under immigration resources.

Rigoberto Garcia Santa Rosa, an ethnic studies instructor and a club advisor for MEChA (Chicano Student Movement of Aztlán), a student organization advocating political education for Chicano Latino students, said the college president is meant to act as mediator



A photo of a student by the Fresno City College president's office holding a whistle provided by the Social Justice Center to be used if ICE is spotted on campus. on Feb. 19. Photo by Miley Araujo.

between ICE and whatever activity is happening on campus, according to his understanding of the information given by a legal representative of the district during an ICE training.

After attempts to talk to an administrator, we were not able to get a statement from the college in time for publication.

Brianna Gonzalez and Fern Shirley are two of the three students who have organized an "ICE Out of FCC" petition to gather signatures of students and staff that wish to revert the FCC policy.

Gonzalez said the petition was created to change the protocol in response to ICE, so that students and staff members feel safe on campus by not cooperating with ICE even if they have a warrant.

The goal for petitioning is to gather enough student and staff signatures to bring to the president's office and the Board of Trustees to negotiate demand for change, according to Gonzalez.

The petition has been circulated on campus through support of students and staff passing along the papers to sign.

Both Gonzalez and Shirley have expressed that they do not believe faculty should comply with ICE, but "lock classroom doors and refuse compliance with ICE," according to the petition.

"We just felt like sitting ducks, so we wanted to have some sort of actionable change," Gonzalez said.

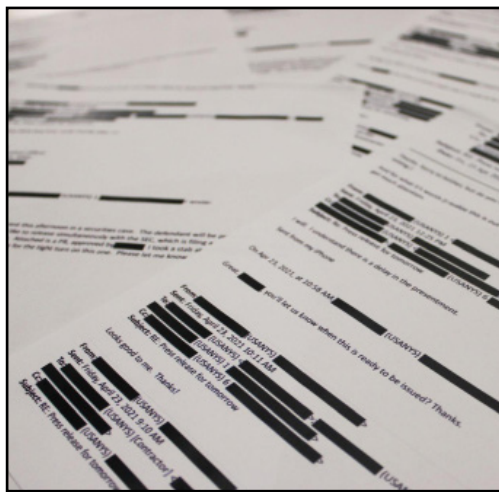
In the instance that ICE agents do have a warrant and they are wanting to enter a space, Santa Rosa said instructors were unsure of what they would do if they hadn't talked to the president, except strongly encouraging them to do so.

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