

Cultural Community Stands with Immigrants and Calls for the End of ICE and Border Patrol Raids

In Louisiana, we know the power of protecting one another – our communities keep us safe, despite politicians working to divide us and make us afraid of one another. Through natural and man-made disasters, we take care of each other in New Orleans, as we've always done and will continue to do.

EVERYONE is worthy of just treatment and respect, regardless of our origins, what we look like, or what languages we speak. With that being said, the cultural community of New Orleans residing on these unceded Bulbancha land stands with our immigrant community.

Beyond standing against fascism and terror campaigns, New Orleans celebrates all of the ways immigrants shape our beloved practices and traditions. The history of our city and culture has always been entwined with and impacted by immigrants and we refuse to allow the Trump and Landry administrations to bully us and redefine who we are.

The unlawful occupation of our city by federal agents participating in this administration's human trafficking agenda will not only deeply harm our immigrant community members, but will also have a devastating impact on the cultural economy that is responsible for [\\$2 billion in state and local tax revenue](#). Masked agents terrorizing our workplaces, schools, churches and homes will chill the tourism economy, one of the state's largest employers, during one of the busiest times of year. On top of the cruelty and devastation, the economic hardship to the cultural and hospitality industries will damage our state's already precarious economic footing.

New Orleans occupies the uncended land of Bulbancha, meaning place of many tongues. Our food, music, dance, and architecture bear witness to our shared legacy of welcoming newcomers. We pride ourselves on our historic locations like Bayou Road, one of the oldest indigenous trading posts in the country. The American tradition of [unjust criminalization and vilification](#) has been practiced on the [cultural community for generations](#), and we will not stand by silently while it is done to our Indigenous and immigrant neighbors.

New Orleans is the most heavily surveilled city, in a state with the highest national incarceration rate. The history of law enforcement whispers from the soil of the state's remaining plantations, and many of us who are no stranger to navigating a criminal legal system designed to revive enslavement under the new banner of prison labor know all too well that WE keep us safe. We are purposefully over-policed and over-surveilled, but we will not succumb to fear.

We stand against this invasion of our community, our streets, our home. We will show up and speak out. They cannot take our love for one another, our art, our joy, our creativity, our passion, our power. We call for an end to this federal occupation.

Signed (as of Dec. 5):

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