



Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

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DAY 4

“WE NEED IMMIGRATION REFORM, *FAST!*” Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren Meets with Student Fasters, Fasters Unite in San Francisco

What: Students and youth are participating in a **week-long fast** aimed at urging the California congressional delegation to move forward immigration reform that includes legal residency and a path to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of undocumented youth. The fast moves into its fourth day, July 5th, as participants meet with **Chair of the Immigration Subcommittee Zoe Lofgren** and then unite with fasters across the state in San Francisco.

When & Where: **DAY 4- July 5th:** Join us on the fourth day of our week-long fast when the caravan arrives in **San Jose**, the fasters hear from Chair of the Immigration Subcommittee **Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren**, and finally come together in **San Francisco**.

12:00 p.m.: **Press Conference with the Honorable Zoe Lofgren,**
Rep. Lofgren's District Offices - 635 N. 1st Street, San Jose, CA
2:00 p.m.: **Caravan Departs from San Jose to San Francisco** from
First Unitarian Church, 160 N. 3rd Street, San Jose, CA
2:00 p.m.: **Rally at Senator Dianne Feinstein's District Offices,**
One Post Street, San Francisco, CA
4:00 p.m.: **Press Conference – Unification of Student Fasters from across California**
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco, CA (in front of City Hall)

Who: Several students, parents, as well as education and immigration advocates. **Twenty-four participants across the state** have signed up to fast for a full week, with dozens more supporting the fast.

Why: Fasters will be joined by Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Chair of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and a key decision-maker on whether immigration reform will be taken up by the House of Representatives this year.

Students across California will lead the way for the rest of the nation as they bring attention to the plight of thousands of talented, undocumented youth who graduate from high school and college each year with little hope of attaining higher education or a job once out of school. With the Senate recently failing to move forward a viable immigration reform bill, their dreams remain out of reach and hang on a string. Now their hopes move to the House of Representatives where Congressional leaders still have an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership by finding just, humane and workable immigration reform solutions. **The fast has already garnered media attention from the San Francisco Chronicle, MSNBC Bakersfield affiliate KGET, Radio Campesina 92.5 FM, KPFK 90.7 FM, the Los Angeles Times, the Chinese Daily News, La Opinion, the San Jose Mercury News, KSCI 18, CNN en Español, KMEX 34, Singtao Daily, the China Press, KERO 23, KRCA 62, KAZA 54, KTTV 11, FOX News, Hoy Newspapers, Metro Networks, Mexico's El Universal, and many more.**

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The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was formed in 1986 to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees in Los Angeles, promote harmonious multi-ethnic and multi-racial human relations and through coalition-building, advocacy, community education and organizing, empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just society.