



# Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**DAYS 5-7**

**“WE NEED IMMIGRATION REFORM, *FAST!*”**

**Students Endure Over 100 Hours without Food,  
Maintain Pressure on Speaker Pelosi**

**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 the weekend, without food for over 100 hours, with participants staying close to **Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s** district offices in San Francisco.

**When &** **DAYS 5-7 - July 6th through 8th:**

**Where:**

**Students will be on site daily: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Location:

**Civic Center Plaza**

99 Grove Street

San Francisco, CA 94102

(across from 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:** Student fasters have now gone **longer than 100 hours without food**. Though their health is deteriorating, the participants are courageously holding on to the hope that Congressional leaders will move to fix our broken immigration system.

Students across California are bringing 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.

**These brave youth have already garnered media attention from the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, MSNBC Bakersfield affiliate KGET, Radio Campesina 92.5 FM, KPFK 90.7 FM, 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.*