



# Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

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

#### **Students Refuse to Give Up Hope, Will Participate in Statewide Fast for Immigration Reform**

- What:** Students and youth will go on a **week-long fast** aimed at urging the California congressional delegation - especially key leaders Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Immigration Sub-Committee Chair Zoe Lofgren - to move forward immigration reform that includes legal residency and a path to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of undocumented youth. The fast will begin on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and organized events will take place in five cities across the state: Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Jose, and San Francisco.
- When:** **Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Various times and locations – please read on below for details**
- Where:** **Throughout California – see list below for local events.**  
Students will caravan from Santa Ana to San Francisco.
- Who:** Several students and youth, parents, school administrators, as well as education and immigration advocates. Fasters will be visiting the offices of various Congressional Representatives and will be joined by prominent community leaders.
- Why:** 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. Students and youth are also paying close attention to the closely related DREAM Act – which would allow undocumented students who meet certain requirements to obtain legal residency – which has been stalled for years by politics, though it remains widely supported by many members of Congress. Youth will participate in the fast across the state in order to make sure that students’ voices are included in the debate and that Congress and the President take action to pass just and humane immigration reform this year.
- Visuals:** A variety of creative, youth-led activities expected to draw crowds. Please contact local representatives for specific actions.

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Caravan Stops	Contact Person	Phone Number
1.) Santa Ana	Antonia	(714) 287-6923
2.) Los Angeles	Maria	(626) 221-9419
3.) Bakersfield	Paola	(661) 378-7290
4.) San Jose	Cesar	(408) 464-3016
5.) San Francisco	Jose	(510) 846-6044

### \*\*\* FAST EVENT LOCATIONS \*\*\*

<b>Santa Ana</b> Ronal Reagan Federal Building 411 W Fourth Street Santa Ana, CA	<b>Pasadena</b> Representative Adam Schiff's Office 87 N. Raymond Ave. #800 Pasadena, California 91103 Phone: (626) 304-2727
<b>Bakersfield</b> Heritage Park Bernard St & Mt. Vermont Bakersfield, CA 93305	<b>San Jose</b> Representative Zoe Lofgren's Office San Jose Office 635 N. First Street, Suite B San Jose, CA 95112 Phone: (408) 271-8700
<b>San Francisco</b> City Hall 1 Drive Carlton B Goodlett Place	

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