

ICE Out of CA

Bringing our Vision of

Safe Communities HOME



June 2023



How it all started

After the 2019 ICE raids in Cambodian communities, more impacted people and groups came together to keep Asian and Pacific Islander communities and families together and stop deportations.



Tith Ton, who the Asian Prisoner Support Committee met through its ROOTS program, shared his personal story of transformation, inspiring others to do the same in a growing campaign to end the double punishment of immigrants and refugees.





From rallies outside of ICE to collecting petition signatures, we organized to stop Tith's transfer from CDCR to ICE. Hundreds of people signed petitions and called for change on social media. Across the state, allies and communities called on the governor to take action.



Tith's campaign for freedom and family reunification created the foundation for the introduction of the #VISIONAct and the #HOMEAct with ICE Out of California, a multiracial statewide coalition for immigrant justice that had worked for years to disentangle ICE from law enforcement. This included the passages of the TRUST Act, TRUTH Act, and the CA Values Act.



A Growing Coalition

In 2021, ICE Out of CA published its first zine capturing highlights from the fight to end ICE transfers. Our 2023 issue builds on that archive with updates from across this growing coalition, from San Diego and Los Angeles to the Bay to Sacramento and beyond.





The VISION Act (AB 937)

Despite a massive outpouring of community support across the state and nation, the CA Senate failed to pass the VISION Act by 3 votes.

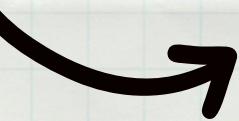
Regular Session: Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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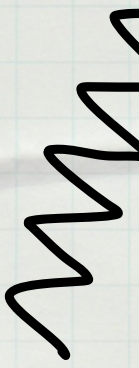
YES: 18 **NO: 13**

AB 937
Carrillo et al.

Item #: 40



The VISION Act, which drew passionate support from across the state and around the country, would have ended the “double punishment” of community members who earn release after serving their time in prison or jail, and instead allow people to return to their families and rebuild their lives.



Some Senators' failure to pass the VISION Act means that families across the state will continue to see long-awaited reunions with loved ones turned into a nightmare of family separation and ICE detention.

We express our appreciation
for all who voted yes on
aligned with values of racial
justice and equal treatment.

Sen. Sydney Kamlager



PO: PressDemocrat

As a supporter of the VISION Act, she pointed out the
hypocrisy and racist rhetoric that created fear around
the bill's possible passing,

"I believe that the hesitancy around
[AB 937 VISION Act] is because of a fear of brown
people. [...] There are folks coming from Ukraine and
Eastern Europe. We don't send them back."

June 21, 2022

Californians delivered a letter signed by more than 140 impacted community members to Gov. Gavin Newsom, urging him to put an end to ICE transfers.





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“For all the stories, for all the families subjected to California’s cruel laws... it’s about damned time,” said VISION Act and HOME Act author Asm. Carrillo



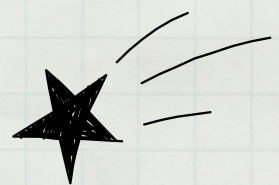
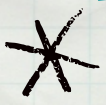
Anderson | @movementphotographer



The fight for immigrant justice advances...

The ICE Out of CA coalition and community members across the state are organizing and advocating for a world that centers everyone's humanity and safety.

We fight for the day our families can live in this country without fear and harassment by ICE and the carceral system, no matter where we were born or the color of our skin.





Introducing the HOME Act



Harmonizing Our Measures for Equality (HOME) Act (AB 1306), authored by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, would ensure that immigrant Californians are not excluded from criminal justice reforms recently passed by the legislature, simply based on where they were born. The HOME Act would prevent CDCR from transferring to federal immigration authorities individuals who have earned release through these reforms.

The HOME Act passed
the Assembly floor
with 54 aye votes!

FILE 248
AB 1306 Wendy Carrillo
Third Reading File - Assembly Bills

AYES - 54

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CERVANTES
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FONG, M.
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KALRA
LEE
LOWENTHAL

MAIENSCHNEIN
MCCARTY
MCKINNOR
NGUYEN
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PACHECO
PAPAN
PELLERIN
QUIRK-SILVA
RAMOS
REYES
RIVAS, L.
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NOES - 18

ALANIS
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May 30, 2023





#HomeNotHeartbreak:

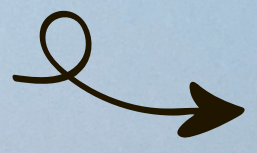
Meet the beloved leaders at the heart of this movement who are creating positive change in CA.

The "Home Not Heartbreak" photo series shares the stories of families impacted by the prison-to-deportation pipeline.

Their experiences, hopes, and joys are the heart of why California urgently needs to stop ICE transfers.

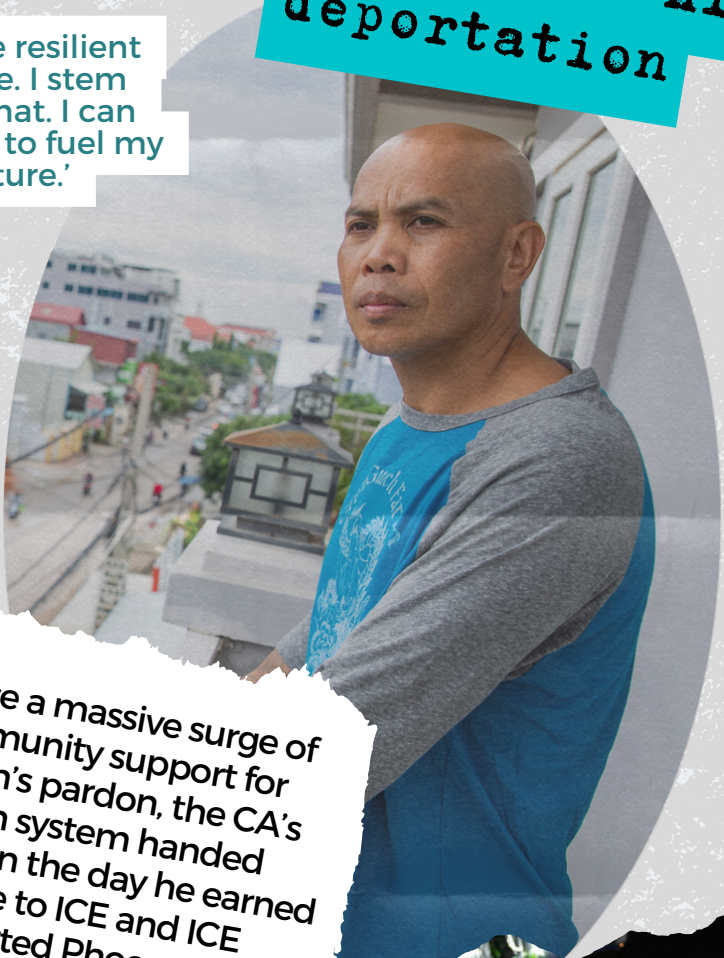


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Phoeun You, months after his deportation

'We are resilient people. I stem from that. I can use that to fuel my future.'



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Despite a massive surge of community support for Phoeun's pardon, the CA's prison system handed Phoeun on the day he earned parole to ICE and ICE deported Phoeun to Cambodia. We spoke with Phoeun about his reflections on heritage, and his continued fight to come home.



#HomeNotHeartbreak

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Phoeun You's
family



Jennie Dell, Phoeun
You's sister, and Sy
Vucic, his niece in April.
'The happiest moment
of my life will be
Phoeun coming home.'

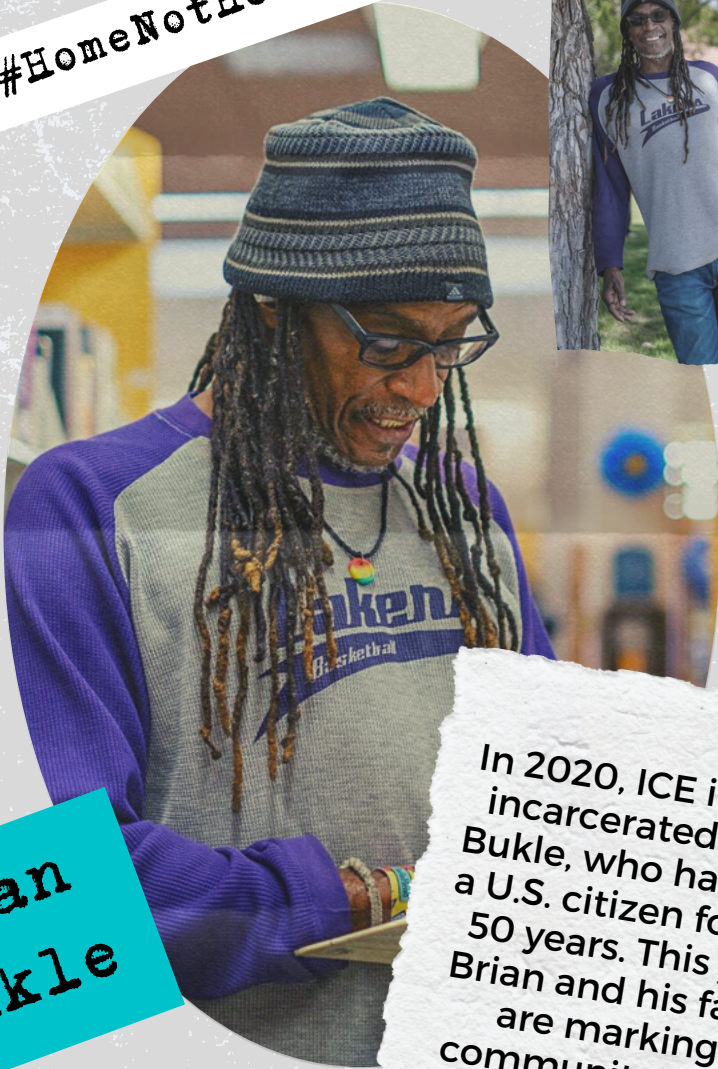
#HomeNotHeartbreak



Maricela Santos Hernández has been a powerful advocate for immigrant families across the Bay Area. We spoke to her about her inspiring advocacy and fight to bring her son Angel home, after he was double-punished and deported to Mexico.

Maricela
Santos
Hernandez

#HomeNotHeartbreak



Brian Bukle

In 2020, ICE illegally incarcerated Brian Bukle, who has been a U.S. citizen for over 50 years. This year, Brian and his family are marking a community victory. In a new settlement, ICE will pay him \$150,000 for their illegal arrest and detention.



#HomeNotHeartbreak

MARIA
LUNA



Maria was born in the Philippines and immigrated to the US at 3 years old. She was sentenced as a youth and served 22 years. While incarcerated, she worked as a peer mentor for many other incarcerated women. She works at Homeboy Industries in LA.



Maria now fights for her pardon so she can stay home with her community in California.

#HomeNotHeartbreak

Vithea Yung



Underscoring the intersections of immigrant justice and disability justice, Vithea Yung is a 42-year-old quadriplegic Cambodian refugee who was threatened with ICE detention and deportation this summer. Through relentless community advocacy, he was able to reunite with his family.



For Phoeun, Maria, Vithea, Salesh, and so many others, the fight for justice continues...

Salesh Prasad

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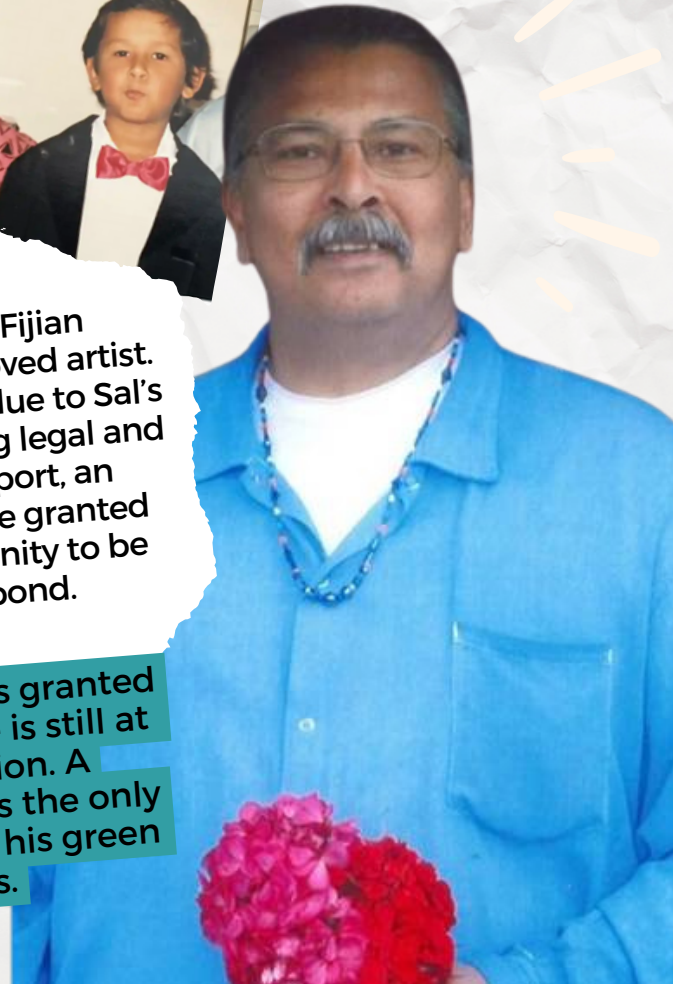
'I won't survive': queer California man facing deportation after 44 years in US

Salesh Prasad could be sent to Fiji, where he fears anti-LGBTQ+ violence, with California law enforcement aiding his detention



Salesh Prasad a Fijian immigrant and beloved artist. In early December, due to Sal's advocacy and strong legal and community support, an Immigration Judge granted Sal a rare opportunity to be released on bond.

Even though Sal was granted release on bond, he is still at risk of deportation. A governor's pardon is the only way he can restore his green card status.





Sophea Phea, who was deported to Cambodia in 2011, came home to her loved ones and community in Long Beach, CA.

Sophea Phea



Sophea is unwavering in the fight for justice, for her Cambodian refugee community and for so many other communities ripped apart by CA and ICE. She's the first Cambodian community member to come home after deportation through a governor's pardon.

Brave survivors of domestic violence



Gabriela Solano is a survivor who unjustly served time for actions of her abusive boyfriend. After almost 23 years of incarceration, Gabby decided to sign her deportation order to be out of detention.



Survivors of domestic violence are forced to make impossible choices to survive under impossible circumstances.

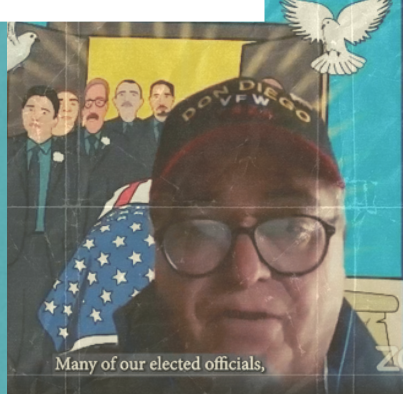


Marisela Andrade is an immigrant survivor of trafficking and domestic violence. She is fighting her deportation to Mexico, where she faces possible violence by her former human trafficker's network.





Across California, veterans and military families are organizing to end ICE transfers



STOP ICE TRANSFERS

"Let us not forget our deported veterans fallen in exile. Many, if they had not been transferred to ICE after serving their time would be here with us today. Many of our elected officials, being veterans themselves, need to be reminded of the phrase 'leave no one behind.'"



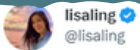
Support also came from many prominent public figures

Dolores Huerta



"This is double jeopardy. We need to catch up. Other states have already taken care of this issue that ppl aren't turned over to ICE after they finish their sentences."

Journalist Lisa Ling



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@lisaling

California Senators have a chance to disrupt anti-Asian violence NOW. The [#VISIONAct](#) will end perpetual punishment and reunite immigrant families by stopping the state's practice of turning refugees over to ICE even after they've served their time in prison.

Author Piper Kerman



Piper Kerman
@Piper

When I was incarcerated, I saw firsthand how jails/prisons exacerbated existing trauma & harmed women. I support [#VISIONAct](#) [#AB937](#) to right wrongs of the [#California](#) incarceration system & to support women, esp survivors of domestic violence.



HOME ACT: ACTIONS

Take action and let your State Senator know you support the bill and an end to all prison-to-ICE transfers!

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"Hope is contagious"



By Asian
Prisoner
Support
Committee

Illustrations by
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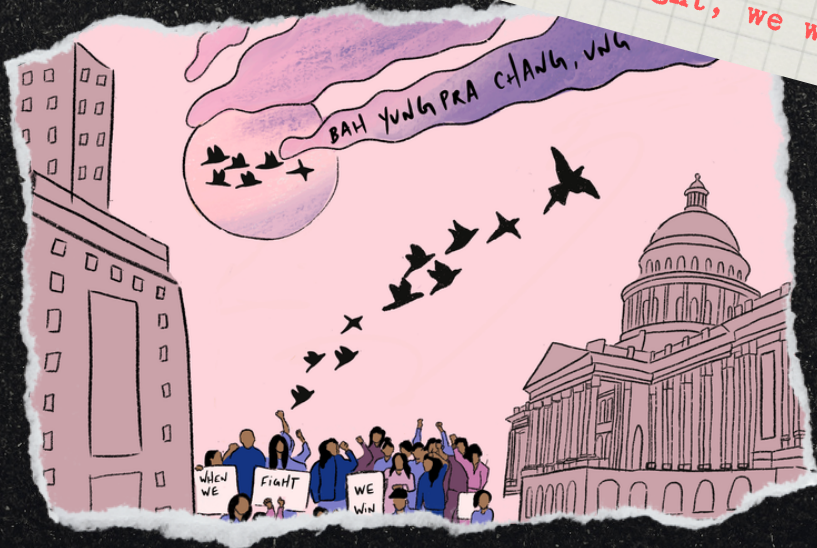
A collection of stories
that highlight individuals
who have survived,
persisted, and resisted
the many fronts of state-
sponsored violence.
These are stories of deep
pain, stories of triumph,
and most importantly,
stories of hope.





"Believe that your freedom is possible, that you are worthy of a second chance."
 — NY NOUN

"Bah Yung Pra Chang, Ung Niek Chanegh."
 When we fight, we win!



Follow @ICEoutofCA on Twitter for updates on the HOME Act and the movement in 2023.

