



Funding for Sanctuary Jurisdictions is Protected with Nation-wide Preliminary Injunction

The Partnership Recognizes Member Program YWCA Silicon Valley for their Role

[Sacramento, CA – April 25, 2017] – In an important move today, Judge William Orrick granted a nationwide preliminary injunction prohibiting the administration from withdrawing federal funding from sanctuary jurisdictions, thereby protecting essential funds for victims of domestic violence, their families and communities.

On behalf of victims of domestic violence throughout the country, Partnership Member YWCA Silicon Valley joined together with the ACLU of Northern California to present arguments to the court in favor of the preliminary injunction.

We are proud of the YWCA Silicon Valley for defending what is at the core of their work: supporting the healing process for victims of domestic violence in their community. It is critical that federal funding for jurisdictions continues to be available to aid community-based victim services providing crisis intervention and safety planning for vulnerable populations.

In pursuing this case, the YWCA Silicon Valley stood up for what is right amid astonishing anti-immigrant policies and rhetoric. Since this administration's changes to national immigration policies, domestic violence advocates and programs across California have seen immigrant victims increasingly fearful that reporting abuse or seeking help will result in their deportation. Immigrant victims must be able pursue the full range of community services available to them without fearing deportation. Sanctuary jurisdictions strengthen the separation between the police and immigration authorities. Research evidence suggests sanctuary jurisdictions may be [safer](#) than other cities or counties.

We are grateful to both the YWCA Silicon Valley and the ACLU of Northern California for their courageous defense of victims and the law. The Partnership has long-recognized the connection between domestic violence and immigration rights, and has been an active advocate over the last several years for public policies which enhance safety and access to life-saving services. In recent months, we have been increasingly vocal in illustrating these important connections and elevating real stories about the needs and implications of these policies through extensive media advocacy.

The Partnership is proud to stand behind local domestic violence programs like the YWCA Silicon Valley, and others who are serving communities all across California. Read the [joint statement](#) released by YWCA Silicon Valley and the ACLU of Northern California, as well as the Partnership's statement of solidarity below.



California Partnership to End Domestic Violence supports Member Program YWCA Silicon Valley in seeking injunction to block “Sanctuary Jurisdictions” Executive Order

Executive Order threatens to cut funds for live-saving domestic violence services

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SACRAMENTO — In response to YWCA Silicon Valley’s intent to join as a plaintiff in a lawsuit to defend federal funding for “Sanctuary Jurisdictions”, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Executive Director Kathy Moore issued this statement:

“We stand in full solidarity with our Member Program, YWCA Silicon Valley, as it urges the federal government to keep its promise to survivors of domestic violence. It is unacceptable to withdraw funding to all survivors in a community because it has become a safe haven to immigrants seeking protection. Our Member Programs across the state count on these funds to meet the overwhelming need for life-saving services—including emergency shelter, legal aid, and crisis hotlines.

In this lawsuit, we are incredibly proud that YWCA Silicon Valley is representing California’s values of inclusiveness and healing. In our movement’s tradition of social justice, this organization is working to ensure that cities and counties across the nation continue to receive critical support not only for survivors, but for all vulnerable communities. We encourage local, county, state, and congressional policymakers to protect this vital funding in the name of all who are affected by domestic violence.”

About the Partnership

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) is California’s recognized domestic violence coalition, representing over 1,000 survivors, advocates, organizations and allied individuals across the state. Working at the local, state and national levels for nearly 40 years, the Partnership has a long track record of successfully passing over 200 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. The Partnership believes that by sharing expertise, advocates and legislators can end domestic violence. Through our public policy, communications and capacity building programs, we create system-wide change that supports survivors and invests in prevention. Every day we inspire, inform and connect all those concerned with this issue, because together we’re stronger. With offices in Sacramento, the Partnership’s member programs span the entire state. For more information, visit www.cpedv.org.

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