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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **The Bay Area Central American Community Calls on U.S. Federal Government to Immediately End the Immigrant Detention System, and Grant Legal Permanent Residency to ALL Children and Families Separated as a Result of the “zero tolerance” Policy**

**San Francisco, CA - June 21, 2018** – The Damage is Done! And the only acceptable action to mitigate the torture and suffering of more than 2,000 children and families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border by the Trump administration is for them to be immediately released from detention centers, reunited and **granted legal permanent residency**.

“As Central Americans with a long history in this nation, as tax payers, and active contributors to the social, economic and cultural fabric of this nation we are outraged and deeply pained, yet not surprised that this government would do this to our people. After all, U.S. foreign and domestic policies have for more than four decades yielded nothing but suffering, family separation, forced migration and documented human rights violations,” expressed CARECEN San Francisco’s Executive Director, Lariza Dugan-Cuadra.

We are outraged by “the sick form of theatrics being played by the Trump Administration, including his signing of an executive order that intends to continue to keep children in detention, except that this time it will be with their parents” mentioned Laura Sanchez, CARECEN SF’s Director of Legal Services.

Neither political party seems to acknowledge the push factors that drive families to flee their communities. The escalating attacks on the immigrant community by the United States government represents yet another shameful chapter of its lack of humanity.

We want this government to stop playing politics with human suffering. The damage is done and we call on the American people to join us in demanding and immediate stop to the monetization and practice of immigrant detention. We call on the American people’s compassion for migrants under attack and fearful of family separation by ICE

and sweeping raids in our cities and neighborhoods. We call on all of State and Federal representatives in both parties to **immediately release, reunify and grant legal permanent residence** to every single child and family separated by this state sanctioned terrorism.

We're calling this bluff!!

You are invited to our sponsored event:

**FAMILIAS UNIDAS/FAMILIIES BELONG TOGETHER RALLY**

A rally to oppose the cruel, inhumane and illegal separation of children from their parents/legal guardians along the U.S. border with Mexico, at other ports of entry into the U.S and in our communities.

**Saturday, June 23 at 10am**

**Justin Herman Plaza**

**San Francisco**

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**CARECEN SF** empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area – building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Learn more at [carecensf.org](http://carecensf.org).

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