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**FACCC Condemns the Arrest of SEIU President David Huerta and the Targeting of Protestors and the Immigrant Community by ICE**

The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) condemns the arrest and reported injury of David Huerta, President of SEIU, during Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in Los Angeles last night. The targeting of Huerta, a prominent labor leader and advocate for immigrant rights, is a chilling escalation in the federal government's attack on organized labor, peaceful protest, and California's immigrant communities.

We also denounce ICE's violent and unjustified response to peaceful protestors, who were exercising their constitutional rights to stand against this Administration's inhumane immigration policies. The treatment of these protestors, many of whom are community members, workers, and students, represents an alarming threat to civil liberties and democratic dissent.

California's community colleges are deeply rooted in the immigrant experience. Our students, faculty, and staff reflect the state's rich diversity, and many come from immigrant families who deserve safety, dignity, and respect, not persecution and fear. We will not be silent while federal authorities terrorize our communities and criminalize protest.

FACCC calls for the immediate release of David Huerta and all individuals arrested for peacefully opposing these ICE actions. We stand in solidarity with SEIU and all organizations defending immigrant rights, labor justice, and democratic values. We urge elected leaders at all levels to take immediate action to investigate these abuses and protect the people of California from further harm.

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