



STATEMENT ON PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Santa Ana, Calif. (June 30, 2025) – This October, members of the Board of Supervisors will receive a salary increase. After thoughtful conversations with my family and reflecting on the stark contrast between this raise and the ongoing hardships faced by our immigrant neighbors, I have decided to donate 100% of my salary increase to support immigrant families in crisis.

I plan to direct these funds to supporting a legal defense initiative aimed at assisting families navigating the immigration system without access to legal representation. As an attorney, I understand that lack of legal counsel remains one of the greatest barriers for families facing deportation and separation.

At a time when immigrant families face vicious abuse from unjust federal policies and an absence of due process, it is more important than ever that we stand together. As your County Supervisor, I have worked to ensure our immigrant neighbors have access to their rights, that their dignity is protected, and that they feel supported by their community.

I am grateful for the dedication of community members, local nonprofits, and faith-based organizations who stand with those facing detention, deportation, and injustice.

I hope my family's contribution will inspire others to support our community in whatever way they can.

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in November 2022. He represents the Second District, which includes Santa Ana and portions of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, and Tustin. For additional information, visit <https://d2.ocgov.com/supervisor>.