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Contra Costa County Launches *Stand Together Contra Costa*, A Rapid-Response Deportation-Defense Initiative to Support Contra Costa Residents

Today, on behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender launches **Stand Together Contra Costa**, a new immigration hotline and deportation defense initiative serving Contra Costa County residents.

Stand Together Contra Costa's 24-hour, staffed hotline can now be reached at 925-900-5151. The County has also launched the program's website, at StandTogetherContraCosta.org.

A public-private initiative, Stand Together Contra Costa is managed by the Office of the Public Defender in partnership with a coalition of nonprofit organizations led by Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

The mission of Stand Together Contra Costa is to ensure that all people in Contra Costa County, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, are afforded the due-process rights established by the United States Constitution.

Stand Together Contra Costa provides no-cost rapid-response support, civil deportation defense legal services and clinics, immigrant rights education and training, and direct-service support for immigrant individuals and families in Contra Costa County.

Stand Together Contra Costa provides the following services, at no cost:

- Information, verification, and rapid response to deportation activities in Contra Costa County;
- Legal consultations and deportation defense services for people facing deportation;
- Community-based education, trainings, and workshops to ensure that all of Contra Costa's residents have accurate information, resources, and support regarding federal deportation;
- Opportunities for local leadership and civic engagement to advance justice and equity for immigrants in our community.

For more information, visit StandTogetherContraCosta.org.