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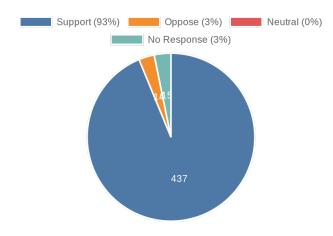
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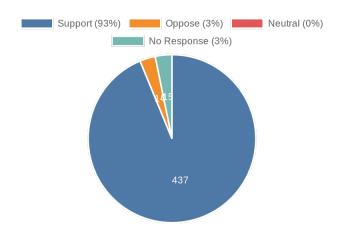
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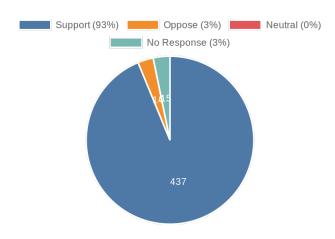
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Agenda Item: eComments for 16. NO CHILD ALONE IN COURT: EXPANDING THE IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM TO PROTECT UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

Overall Sentiment



Tracy Harris

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 5:15am 09-10-25

No child. should be alone in court; only when America is rapidly descending into chaos under #47 would this be a possibility. At this time we must support humanity and equity on a local level.

Anitra Glover

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 9:38pm 09-09-25

No child should be left alone in court; this should be considered child neglect!

Jamie Gates

Location: 91950, National City Submitted At: 9:04pm 09-09-25

All children are God's children, and need every protection that we would give our own kids. I strongly support this initiative.

Emily Finley

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 6:01pm 09-09-25

As Glennon Doyle says, "There's no such thing as other people's children." The safety and wellbeing of all children is the responsibility of all of us, and immigrant children are among the most vulnerable in our communities. They deserve to be cared for.

Linda Sharp

Location: 92008, Carlsbad Submitted At: 4:26pm 09-09-25 This seems so obvious I can't imagine it needs explanation. A CHILD alone in front of a judge is cruel and unjust

Lucinda McCarthy

Location: 92104, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 3:10pm 09-09-25

It's ludicrous to expect a child to defend herself in court. I support this need to provide counsel to provide children with the resources they need and to speed up court cases, saving attorneys time and taxpayers tax dollars.

Fernando Escamilla

Location: 91910, Chula Vista Submitted At: 1:26pm 09-09-25

Children's right to have legal representation is an essential safeguard in protecting their dignity, rights, and future. The justice system should be a source of protection, not harm—and ensuring that children have access to legal counsel is one of the most basic steps in upholding that principle. Without this safeguard, we risk exposing vulnerable young individuals to unnecessary hardship, unfair outcomes, and lost potential.

Joanne Beets

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 12:49pm 09-09-25

As a human being with empathy and a person of faith, I urge you to arrange things so no child ever stands in court without support and counsel. Play fair and be compassionate

Doris Payne

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 09-09-25

As a person of faith and a member of San Marcos Lutheran Church, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. Every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity and compassion they deserve. Guided by our values of justice and mercy, together we can ensure these children are not abandoned in their moment of greatest need.

Andrea Lopez

Location: 92113, San Diego Submitted At: 11:39am 09-09-25

Expanding the ILDP is much needed especially these circumstances where laws are changing every waking day and limitations and challenges are hitting our minorities of color. Showing expansion of the program shows that the county stands with its community.

Lisa Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 09-09-25

I urge you to expand the immigrant legal defense program to protect unaccompanied minors. Children should never have to face complex legal systems alone—especially when their safety and future are at stake. Access to legal counsel is a basic safeguard of justice and humanity.

Bill Roe

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 10:10am 09-09-25

Shame on Trump

Cindy Campos

Location: 92108, San Diego Submitted At: 10:05am 09-09-25

As a person of faith and a member of The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego and FAITH, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith proclaims

that every child is precious and worthy of care, just as each of us is a child of God. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve. And please do it soon.

Rick Fry

Location: 92120, San Diego Submitted At: 9:22am 09-09-25

I'm a pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Allied Gardens, and I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Rebekkah Lohrmann

Location: 91978, Spring Valley Submitted At: 8:55am 09-09-25

My name is Rev. Bekki Lohrmann, pastor of St. Peter's By The Sea Lutheran Church. No child should ever have to stand in court alone. Please expand immigrant legal defense for unaccompanied minors.

Lori Lipsman

Location: 92104, San Diego Submitted At: 8:42am 09-09-25

I support this proposal and expect my elected officials to do the same. Please do everything you can to help this population. Be compassionate, empathetic and protect minors.

Gabriel Aguilar

Location: 92231, Calexico Submitted At: 8:33am 09-09-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Caroline Cothern

Location: 92154, San Diego Submitted At: 8:16am 09-09-25 Kids must be supported.

Aleksia Tajimaroa

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 7:20am 09-09-25

I fully support this important Board Letter because it continues to strengthen the ILDP, by making it clear that unaccompanied minors are eligible for legal representation under the program.

All immigrants, including children, facing deportation are not provided court-appointed counsel in the immigration court system. They are often forced to face the complex immigration court system without legal representation. Legal representation can make the difference between someone being allowed to remain safely in the United States with their family or facing permanent family separation by deportation to potentially dangerous conditions.

The ILDP helps to close the gaps in legal representation and demonstrates the County's commitment to due process.

Barbara Azevedo

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 7:18am 09-09-25

No one, let alone a child should have to go to court without representation. We must support and expand funding

to insure legal support is there for the most vulnerable!

Jamie Hegge

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 7:16am 09-09-25

No child should be left alone to navigate a legal battle, especially in our court system.

Monique Farrell

Location:

Submitted At: 7:04am 09-09-25

No one, especially children should have to stand in court without legal representation there to advocate for them in every way possible.

Kelly Ryan

Location: 92071, Santee Submitted At: 6:58am 09-09-25

Absolutely yes to expand the county's ILDP to ensure that children do not have to face immigration court proceedings alone. Children needing this protection already have endured more than any child should, and ensuring legal representation is one means we have to offer support, care, and protection to children who may feel alone and afraid. As a pastor and as a parent, I wholeheartedly support this program expansion.

marion garza

Location: 92106, san diego Submitted At: 4:15am 09-09-25

Please support the right to legal representation for all in our courts, especially children. Thank you for being compassionate in the face of injustice.

Nathan Brenner

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 2:16am 09-09-25

Under the current County leadership, the entire San Diego County Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to safeguard our hallowed courthouses as a place which guarantees justice, decency and dignity for all users by supporting agenda Item 16--NO CHILD ALONE IN COURT

Ian Seruelo

Location: 92124, San Diego Submitted At: 2:16am 09-09-25

As the Trump administration continues to implement racist, cruel, and inhumane policies, including the defunding of programs that provide legal support to minors, San Diego should be a beacon of compassion, reason, and humanity. Providing legal representation to children is imperative and it is simply the right thing to do.

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Maricelia Gonzalez

Location: 92054, Oceanside Submitted At: 12:29am 09-09-25

Treat children the tenderness that Jesus treats them

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Submitted At: 12:29am 09-09-25

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Erica Castillo

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 12:07am 09-09-25

Good Morning Chair Lawson-Remer and Supervisors,

I strongly support this Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in San Diego County through the ILDP.

Currently, immigrants facing deportation, including children, are not provided court-appointed counsel and must navigate the complex system alone. For minors, this can mean appearing before a judge without understanding their rights, risking family separation, and possible deportation to dangerous conditions. Legal representation can be the difference between safety and stability in San Diego and devastating outcomes that harm children, families, and our community.

Supporting immigrant legal defense protects vulnerable residents, strengthens families, stabilizes our workforce, and builds a more just and thriving San Diego.

Thank you,

Erica Castillo

Advocacy Co-Chair, Business For Good + Small Business Owner

Lori Johnson

Location: 92101, San Diego Submitted At: 11:24pm 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Cheri Metier

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 10:56pm 09-08-25

It is unconscionable to have anyone, especially children, appear in a court of law without suitable representation. Justice for All, everywhere, including the courtroom.

For God sake, Rev. Cheri Metier Rancho Penasquitos

Kathy Minton

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe Submitted At: 10:48pm 09-08-25

Every child deserves care, protection, and a fair chance. Taking away legal representation is unthinkable. We must expand the IDLP and stand up for what is right!

Sarah Furrow

Location: 92131

Submitted At: 10:43pm 09-08-25

In full support of this proposal. I cannot imagine one of my children having to face court alone. It's only moral and ethical for children to have the support they need.

Jane Via

Location: 91935, Jamul, CA Submitted At: 10:29pm 09-08-25

Because of federal cuts to legal representation programs, beginning September 30th, about 300 unaccompanied migrant children in San Diego will lose their attorneys and be forced to stand alone in federal court. Please expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program so that every unaccompanied migrant child has legal representation. Please support Supervisor Lawson-Remer plan. Thank you.

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Deborah Park

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 10:16pm 09-08-25

We should be doing all we can to support immigrant children who can't possibly know what to say in court!

Mojdeh Motamedi

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 9:34pm 09-08-25 Absolutely support this

Katie Lewis

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 9:33pm 09-08-25

No child should be without representation or left alone in court!!

Tony Ngo

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 9:31pm 09-08-25

Every persons especially children deserves dignity, respect and due process meaning help and representation navigating the judicial system

ALICE Kinvua

Location: 93311, Bakersfield Submitted At: 9:24pm 09-08-25

We need child to be represented in court

Janice Fuller

Location: 92029, Escondido Submitted At: 9:17pm 09-08-25

Support

Ken Kobayashi

Location: 92091-4165, Rancho Santa Fe Submitted At: 9:02pm 09-08-25

I strongly support this proposal. We lived in Japan for 9 years, during our kids' childhood. One of my biggest fears as a parent was that they would be in a situation where they needed help and I couldn't support them because I was on business travel outside Japan. I witness the Immigration Court proceedings and ICE activities as part of a faith-based group. Today, one of the judges was extremely sympathetic to a family with small kids. His specific comment was "your kids are are in school, which is where they should be." As a retired physician, I can tell you that the trauma inflicted on children by ICE's activities has long-lasting impacts on their health and well-being; this trauma is amplified by having to face a hostile system alone. Finally, this proposal will provide at least some part of the due process protections to which these children are entitled. This is not a proposal that requires debate. Any person of common sense and humanity would approve this, and so should we.

Gianna Giacalone

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 8:43pm 09-08-25 I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, especially our most vulnerable communities. Ensuring that children have the support they need during such a difficult process should be without question.

Rachel Hobbs

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 8:38pm 09-08-25

Children are some of the most vulnerable members of our society and they deserve legal protections and someone to help them navigate the court system. Imagine you are a child, you have fled your home country because it is not safe for you to be there, and you are completely vulnerable and at the mercy of other people to help you out. These children are often traumatized by what they have been through and they have experienced more than most adults ever will. They come from families who cannot afford attorneys, if they even have a family at all. We have a moral obligation to step up and take care of children, children who may become permanent members of our society. Some of them will go on to contribute to our city and pay taxes and start businesses and grow the economy. It is up to us to embody the values that we have as Americans - the right to representation in a court of law - and to make sure that we are taking care of children who will shape the future of our country.

Harry Mccann

Location: 92120, San Diego Submitted At: 8:35pm 09-08-25

I live in District 7. Please close the gap and ensure all children can have legal representation. They are victims and deserve legal help to navigate this complex immigration system. Think about how you would feel if this was your child and do the right thing.

Karla Strazicichcain

Location: 92027, escondido Submitted At: 8:34pm 09-08-25

I am a Pediatrician and strong advocate for children, irregardless of immigration status. I strongly agree that no child, immigrant or not, should ever stand in court without legal representation. Please expand the immigrant legal defense program to protect unaccompanied minors.

Nicole DAngelo

Location: 92120, San Diego Submitted At: 8:25pm 09-08-25

I am a resident of District 7. I support this Board Letter because it strengthens the ILDP, making it clear that all unaccompanied minors are eligible for full legal representation under the program.

Immigrants facing deportation, including children, deserve court appointed counsel. Children can't be expected to navigate and understand the complex process alone. They deserve to have legal counsel who represents their best interests. This is especially prudent for a child who may be facing permanent family separation and/or returned to dangerous, or lethal situation.

Even an adult can't navigate this process without the advice of an expert. We owe this to every child regardless of where they are from or their economic status. SD County needs to stand up for its values, most importantly, protecting all children. The County needs to demonstrate what is fair, right, and just. Please expand this program to protect children.

MaryBeth Dawson

Location: 91910, Chula Vista Submitted At: 8:24pm 09-08-25

I strongly support the expansion of San Diego County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied minors. No child should be forced to navigate deportation proceedings alone.

This proposal is a humane, fiscally responsible response to federal rollbacks that have left hundreds of children without legal representation. The County's ILDP has already proven its impact, and expanding it now is essential to uphold due process, protect vulnerable youth, and strengthen our community's commitment to justice.

I urge the Board to adopt all recommended actions and ensure that no child in San Diego faces immigration court without a trusted advocate by their side.

Vickie White

Location: San Diego

Submitted At: 8:24pm 09-08-25

As a District 4 resident, I believe that the County has an obligation to protect all children and step in when no parent is available to do so. I support the proposal to ensure no unaccompanied child deals with immigration court alone. Please support item 16.

Vickie White

Location: San Diego

Submitted At: 8:24pm 09-08-25

As a District 4 resident, I believe that the County has an obligation to protect all children and step in when no parent is available to do so. I support the proposal to ensure no unaccompanied child deals with immigration court alone. Please support item 16.

Kevin Bradley

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 7:57pm 09-08-25

Legal representation is a fundamental right that every American enjoys and is guaranteed by the Constitution. The idea that any American would believe it is acceptable to deny legal representation to any person facing serious legal jeopardy is reprehensible and flys in the face of this nation's most basic values and traditions. Denying representation to a child standing alone before the power of the government and its agents is disgraceful and shameful. As someone who has dedicated his life to the study of history, I have no doubt that this nation's founders would be appalled at the very suggestion that a child would be subjected to a legal proceeding without counsel. I strongly urge the County to remember who we are as a nation and why we hold the rights guaranteed us in the Constitution so dear. We hold this truth to be self evident: that children pining their hopes on American justice should have a fighting chance. Let's give these kids a lawyer.

Chad pierce

Location: 92084, Vista

Submitted At: 7:54pm 09-08-25

No person should face trial without counsel, much less a child.

Thomalyn Fischer

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 7:46pm 09-08-25

No child should ever have to face immigration court alone. Expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied minors is not just the right thing to do—it's a matter of justice, fairness, and basic humanity. Children deserve a chance to be heard and protected, and legal representation is essential to making sure their rights are upheld. I strongly support this effort.

Radmila Prislin

Location: 92119, San Diego Submitted At: 7:38pm 09-08-25

I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. Every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Rebecca Laird

Location: 92106, San Diego Submitted At: 7:30pm 09-08-25

The logics don't need much to clarify. Unaccompanied minors need advocacy. They are children and alone. To

come here alone these children had few choices at home. We should give them a fighting chance for more than bare survival when they work trough the maze of our broken. Immigration laws. Let's advocare for kids and keep city pressure on Congress to fix the immigration system.

Alyssa Wallace

Location: 92128, San Diego Submitted At: 7:28pm 09-08-25

Making sure children have representation in court is a no brainer

Linnnea Marstrom

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 7:19pm 09-08-25

I am in full support of the ILDP and think that it should be expanded, starting with helping children get the representation they need! It's cruel to leave minors in such a precarious and complicated legal situation without representation, no matter where they come from or what their circumstances are.

John Cothern

Location: 92154, San Diego Submitted At: 7:19pm 09-08-25

Everyone deserves legal representation

Nicole Bennett

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 7:19pm 09-08-25

Yes, these children need legal defense! Let us do right by them and help "the least of these."

Maryjane Walcher

Location: 92116, San diego Submitted At: 7:02pm 09-08-25

Yes! Absolutely help these children. It's the least we can do.

Elizabeth Haynes

Location: 92105, San Diego Submitted At: 7:02pm 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that should be afforded to everyone.

This matters to me because all children deserve our protection, regardless of national borders or political powerholders. It is our responsibility to demonstrate to children that this world has kindness in it.

Temple Daniel

Location: 92114, San Diego Submitted At: 6:56pm 09-08-25

Everyone deserves to have due process and legal counsel. It is a fundamental right and a hallmark of our democracy.

Robert Scott

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 6:48pm 09-08-25

On item #16 I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Kathy Elliott

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 6:48pm 09-08-25

As a person of faith and a member of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, I strongly support expanding the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. It's inhumane to force a child to stand in court alone without legal representation!

Tamara Nogueira

Location: 91914, Chula Vista Submitted At: 6:36pm 09-08-25

All children deserve equal access to justice. Legal representation for unaccompanied immigrant minors is bare minimum.

Cristian Hope

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 6:23pm 09-08-25 Yeah. Let's help these kids!

Dylan Karzen

Location: 92084-6316, Vista Submitted At: 5:39pm 09-08-25

Kids should not have to stand alone in court.

Daisy Fernando

Location: 92105, San Diego Submitted At: 5:32pm 09-08-25

I want kids (minors) to get legal representation.

Vryce Hough

Location: 92103

Submitted At: 5:19pm 09-08-25

This would help to fight a grave injustice. Anyone who says "think of the children" on any issue should support protecting children in courts as well.

Keira Hamilton

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 5:11pm 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter because all immigrants, and especially children, should have access to due process and legal counsel.

Max Disposti

Location: 92054, oceanside Submitted At: 4:54pm 09-08-25

Basic defense for our children, thank you

Victoria Ahumada

Location: 92054, Oceanside Submitted At: 4:47pm 09-08-25

No child should be alone without legal representation

Rahmo Abdi

Location: 92105, San Dieog Submitted At: 4:46pm 09-08-25

My name is Rahmo Abdi and I am a resident of district 4 I fully support this important Board Letter because it continues to strengthen the ILDP, by making it clear that unaccompanied minors are eligible for legal representation under the program. Advocates worked hard through the Invest in San Diego Families Coalition to establish a universal, merits-blind program in San Diego County that provides legal representation for all immigrants in detention. We urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to support this Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County.

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Andi MacLeod

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 4:44pm 09-08-25

It is the core of our Democracy to give legal protections to all, regardless of immigration status, and this is no different for children. I strongly urge you to vote for access to legal services and protection for minor immigrants.

Marcellr Bernier

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 4:34pm 09-08-25

These children are our brothers & sisters. They need our help & support.

How can we expect them to appear alone in immigration court? Let's not abandon God's children to the powers that be: ICE & this presidential administration.

Kathy Coffey

Location: 94546, Castro Valley Submitted At: 4:29pm 09-08-25

I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Ashley Suarez

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 4:19pm 09-08-25

A no-brainer

Jazmin Beas

Location: 92139

Submitted At: 4:13pm 09-08-25

Every child deserves support and protection—especially in the courtroom. No child should ever have to face immigration proceedings alone.

J Crosthwaite

Location: 92007, Cardiff Submitted At: 4:04pm 09-08-25

Children deserve respect and protection. Please given them both

Nancy Yamagata

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 09-08-25

Please provide legal services to our immigrant children. All children should be protected because they are the future of our world.

Blaze Newman

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 4:00pm 09-08-25

Children deserve to be protected -- always!

Patrick Sullivan

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 3:59pm 09-08-25

Please consider what these children have already gone through to escape the tragedies of their native lands and provide legal support for them so that they can at least present their cases to the immigration courts. To deny them this resource is basically condemning them to rapid deportation and possibly death when they are returned to the situations that they were fleeing. What would we want for them if they were our children and found themselves in the current situation?

Stephanie Flores

Location: 92126

Submitted At: 3:58pm 09-08-25

I am writing in strong support of expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to protect unaccompanied minors. No child should ever be expected to face a courtroom alone, especially in complex immigration proceedings that even adults struggle to navigate.

It would be unconscionable for grown adults on a panel to sit in judgment of children without ensuring they have legal representation. Denying them this protection is not only unjust, it leaves them vulnerable to a system they cannot possibly defend themselves in.

Please vote in favor of Item 16. Protecting children with legal counsel is not just the ethical choice — it is the humane one

Nancy Yamagata

Location: 91910, Chula vista Submitted At: 3:55pm 09-08-25

Please fund legal services for immigrant children. All children need to feel safe and seen because they are the future of this planet.

Emma Shea

Location: 92064, Poway

Submitted At: 3:53pm 09-08-25

I support all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, having access to due process and legal counsel in the County.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Suzanne Weissman

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 3:53pm 09-08-25

I believe every child deserves dignity, compassion, and protection. No child should ever have to face a judge and government attorney alone, without someone to stand by their side. Please support item 16.

Mia Thompson

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 3:52pm 09-08-25

I strongly support this Board Letter because it ensures that all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal representation in the County through the ILDP.

The right to counsel is not just a legal safeguard; it is a cornerstone of justice that should be available to

everyone, regardless of status.

This matters to me because I believe no one should face life-altering decisions alone. Providing legal support gives people a fair chance to be heard, protects their dignity, and strengthens our community by ensuring equity under the law.

Lynn Bride

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 3:47pm 09-08-25

I support expanding the County's Immigrant Defense Program to all unaccompanied migrant children. These children, the least among us, are deserving of legal representation while navigating the legal system. They are the most vulnerable of those caught up in the cruel racism and xenophobia sweeping our nation.

Melissa Chavarro

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 3:36pm 09-08-25

Children should have representation. Period.

Jermaine Rocacorba

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 09-08-25

As a District 1 resident, I strongly support the expansion of the ILDP. All immigrants, including children facing deportation, are not provided court-appointed counsel in the immigration court system. They are often forced to face the complex immigration court system without legal representation. Legal representation can make the difference between someone being allowed to remain safely in the United States with their family or facing permanent family separation by deportation to potentially dangerous conditions. All children and their families deserve dignity and safety. I urge the board to support Item 16.

Mimi Phung

Location: 92069, San Marcos Submitted At: 3:26pm 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

It is unacceptable for children to be left without legal representation. We must support access to legal counsel for EVERYONE.

Susan Osborn

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 3:10pm 09-08-25

As a San Diego County resident I believe all people including unaccompanied minors seeking asylum should have due process and legal counsel

as per the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). No child should be left alone without someone with legal knowledge to speak in his/her behalf. Please expand the ILDP to include them all.

Felicia Gomez

Location: 92084, Vista

Submitted At: 2:50pm 09-08-25

As a long-time D5 resident, I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Monique Guzman

Location: 92111

Submitted At: 2:46pm 09-08-25

Protect children!

Nicholas Paul

Location: 92105, San Diego Submitted At: 2:45pm 09-08-25

I support the expansion of the ILDP to include unaccompanied minors. Over the past several months, the federal government has systematically stripped away funding to support legal representation to community members in immigration court. The County of San Diego has an opportunity to rise to the occasion, and fill a huge funding and service gap. Unaccompanied minors in immigration court deserve representation. No child should be left to represent themselves in court!

Erin TsurumotoGrassi

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44pm 09-08-25

Alliance San Diego strongly supports the expansion of the ILDP. The current federal administration is simultaneously working to increase deportations and decrease access to due process and legal representation. We've seen firsthand the need for increased legal representation for our communities. Expanding the staffing of the immigrant legal defense fund, expanding access to unaccompanied children, and exploring budgetary needs to expand to a full universal representation model is critical to protecting the rights of our immigrant and refugee community members. We urge the board to support Item 16.

David Gangsei

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 2:40pm 09-08-25

I'm s Clinical Psychologist and Board President of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.) Our core service is expert mental health evaluations to support migrants and asylum seekers in their legal immigration proceedings. We are a registered participant in the ILDP and provide our services when participating attorneys get authorization from the program. Legal representation is essential for children to have a fair hearing. A mental health report can provide essential relevant information that a child who is afraid, uncomfortable or confused cannot. We strongly endorse the expansion of the ILDP to include unaccompanied children.

Brenda FassHolmes

Location: 92108, San Diego Submitted At: 2:22pm 09-08-25

Adults should not be forced to appear in court without legal representation, never mind doing this to children! I fully support expanding this program to protect unaccompanied minors. (I would also go further, to support anyone -- children and adults -- having legal representation.) They need someone who understands the legal system, and the ramifications of what is being said, to speak on their behalf. To think that children can do this for themselves is insanity.

Thomalyn Fischer

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 2:15pm 09-08-25

No child should ever have to face immigration court alone. Expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied minors is not just the right thing to do—it's a matter of justice, fairness, and basic humanity. Children deserve a chance to be heard and protected, and legal representation is essential to making sure their rights are upheld. I strongly support this effort.

Joseph Shea

Location: 92064, Poway

Submitted At: 1:58pm 09-08-25

I'm saddened that kids don't get the representation they need. If they have a valid claim, it may go unrecognized without help. If they don't, we know we did the right thing.

Beth Shea

Location: 92064, Poway

Submitted At: 1:49pm 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Susan Latimer

Location: 92084, Vista

Submitted At: 1:33pm 09-08-25

All people are worthy of respect, and the vulnerable need more protections. No child should be forced to stand in court without legal representation. I strongly support the expansion of this program to ensure that no child stands alone in court.

Colin Mathewson

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 1:16pm 09-08-25

This is a basic justice issue that all people, and especially minors, have a fair chance for their case to be heard in court -- and without an attorney, we all know there folks have very little chance of winning their cases.

Theresa Beauchamp

Location: 92024, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 1:15pm 09-08-25

For a child (also adults) to face court proceedings without a protective and caring legal expert amplifies the trauma and the risk of unjust removal from the United States. This level of stress can be devastating to an already fragile state of emotional wellbeing. I strongly support "No Child Alone in Court."

Rachel LozanoCastro

Location: 92139, San Diego Submitted At: 1:15pm 09-08-25

I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to support this Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County.

Megan Wesling

Location: 92104, San Diego Submitted At: 12:46pm 09-08-25

I support expanding the immigrant legal defense program to protect unaccompanied minors

Gus Hernandez

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 12:27pm 09-08-25

I support the expansion of this important program to include the most vulnerable youth. Apoyo la ampliación de este importante programa para incluir a los jóvenes más vulnerables.

Nicole NITSCHE

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 12:24pm 09-08-25

strongly support this measure to protect and support children, no child should be left alone to appear in court.

Renne CatalanoGussman

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 12:20pm 09-08-25

strongly support this measure to protect and support children. no child should be left alone, and unsupported in court without informed adult support and guidance from someone who's purpose is to protect and speak up for child's best interest.

Mary Bradley

Location: 91941-8081, La Mesa Submitted At: 12:18pm 09-08-25

It is unconscionable to send any child to court without a qualified adult. Common sense and common decency require that we protect the youngest and innocent among us. Pass this measure. Do the right thing, San Diego County! Set an example!

Georgette Baker

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 12:09pm 09-08-25

No human should have to go unsupported and unrepresented and DEFINITELY not a child!!

Elizabeth Valocchi

Location: 92102, San Diego, CA 92102 Submitted At: 12:07pm 09-08-25

Strongly support this measure to protect children

Nicole Goelz

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 12:02pm 09-08-25

No child should be asked to enter a courtroom alone

Gigi Miller

Location: 92024-4757, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 12:01pm 09-08-25

As a person of faith and a deacon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Encinitas, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. As part of the FAITH ministry, I have been accompanying respondents to their hearings at Immigration Court; it is a complicated place of intimidation. My faith teaches me that every child possesses an innate spirituality, grounded in wonder, and Jesus asked us to come to him with the faith of a child. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. This action disrepcts their humanity and deams their spirits. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Sarah Chapiama

Location: 92104, San Diego Submitted At: 11:54am 09-08-25

No child should be asked to enter a courtroom alone, without someone they trust who can assist with advocating for what the child's needs and wants are and understands courtroom proceedings. Please support the funding of this measure, and limit the trauma these children have to go through.

Molly Wood

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 11:48am 09-08-25

Children should not be alone facing our complicated judicial system. Heck, adults shouldn't either!

Katie Zeitz

Location: 92109, San diego Submitted At: 11:40am 09-08-25

No child should be left alone in court. Any child in this situation would be confused, scared, and not know what to say to a judge. At the very least they need and deserve legal support.

Jazmine Ramos

Location: 92113, San Diego Submitted At: 11:38am 09-08-25

Children should never be forced to face immigration courts alone. Most of them don't even speak or understand

the language, making an already terrifying situation nearly impossible. Expecting a child to represent themselves against trained government attorneys is not just unfair it's cruel. Without proper legal support, many are denied their basic rights and risk being sent back to the dangerous situations they fled. Every child deserves protection, compassion, and a chance to be heard. Providing legal representation ensures they have someone to fight for their safety and future. The system is confusing even for adults for children especially those who can't communicate it's overwhelming and traumatizing. No child should carry the weight of these life changing decisions alone. Standing up for their rights isn't optional it's a moral responsibility. Every child deserves justice, safety, and dignity.

Amanda Simons

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32am 09-08-25

This is the least we can do to help such a vulnerable population who, by the time they're in the court room, have already been through so much: making difficult physical journeys, facing legal and cultural barriers in the United States, and more. Even with these funds, they'll still have countless obstacles and hardships. I hope that we can at least offer this kind of support as a small stepping stone on their incredibly arduous journey. Please have some humanity and help children in this way.

Sarah Almond

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 11:19am 09-08-25

As an attorney, I strongly support funding for legal representation for unaccompanied minors in immigration court.

Laisa Pena

Location: San Diego

Submitted At: 11:15am 09-08-25

Yes, children deserve legal assistance

Tara Balaity

Location: 92010, Carlsbad Submitted At: 11:11am 09-08-25

Yes, children deserve legal aid.

Christopher Morash

Location: 92701, San Diego Submitted At: 10:54am 09-08-25

Yes, children deserve legal aid

Bruce Leininger

Location: 91912, Chula Vista Submitted At: 10:49am 09-08-25

I support funding for legal representation for unaccompanied minors in immigration court.

Kim Mollin

Location: 92024-2390, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:49am 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that should be afforded to everyone.

This matters to me because I have been a Pediatric Nurse for over 40 years and children need an adult voice to help them with all of life's challenges and especially when they do not have parents at their side. Humanity dictates that children be represented and cared for. Please vote yes. Kim RN

kristine michie

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 10:44am 09-08-25 Please do not abandon true American values, human rights and moral truths. Expand this program and ensure these youngsters do not have to stand alone in court.

Cecelia Schroeder

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 10:38am 09-08-25

In children especially, lack of guaranteed representation leads to significant due process concerns, as children face complex legal systems alone and without the necessary support to secure protection or justice. We must do all in power to assure that these children have the support and help they need.

Randee Stratton

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 10:34am 09-08-25

No kid should have to go through this without assistance

Kathleen Stiven

Location: 92007, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:32am 09-08-25

Imagining a child having to go to court. Perhaps not speaking at all or not speaking the language that everyone else is. How cruel can we Americans be!! What kind of a future do we want to provide for generations to come. Please consider the harm that they have already experienced and show some decency. Vote that they can represented by a person who knows the law.

Maureen Brown

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 10:26am 09-08-25

I support Remer expansion request. I am

Absolutely horrified that we would even consider leaving a minor in the system without adult support. What is this country coming to?

Peter Kuhn

Location: 92117-5746, San Diego Submitted At: 10:25am 09-08-25

As a person of faith and a member of the United Buddhist Church, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Deborah Sanborn

Location: 92024-6542, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:25am 09-08-25

It is our ethical and moral duty to supply needed legal protection for these minor children. They have been abandoned by the withdrawal of funding so it's time for us to step in.

Thank you for listening to your conscience,

Deb Sanborn

Adriana Acevedo

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 10:16am 09-08-25

Children should have a right to an attorney !!

Francina Vivier

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 9:45am 09-08-25

A child should not be left without legal representation. A child cannot advocate on their own behalf. A court room

can be very intimidating. How is a child supposed to respond or defend themselves if they are afraid, unfamiliar with the language and the legal jargon. We have to do better and make sure children are provided legal representation.

Maria Cuevas

Location: 92124, San Diego Submitted At: 9:21am 09-08-25

Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that should be afforded to everyone - especially unaccompanied children and minors. I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

As a daughter of immigrants who had to help translate legal jargon to my parents, as I too was learning the English language, I can attest to the stress and hopelessness one can feel facing the US legal system without legal support. Expecting minors to represent themselves in a language they don't know, with the trauma of being separated from their parents and care givers, can only be labeled as inhumane.

Dana August

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 9:13am 09-08-25

No child should be left alone to defend themselves.

J Jaramillo

Location: 92101

Submitted At: 9:11am 09-08-25

Expecting a child to represent themselves in immigration court is very unjust. Let us reject the cruelty of the current administration and ensure child immigrants and refugees are free from harm and treated with respect.

David Nagler

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 9:09am 09-08-25

My name is Dave Nagler, and I serve as the Bishop for Southern California and Hawaii for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Providing legal counsel for people who cannot afford it is foundational to our justice system. In these days, it hard to imagine a person more vulnerable and in need of protection than an unaccompanied minor. I urge you to support the funding and staffing for maintaining legal representation at all hearings for unaccompanied minors.

Christian DeMent

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 9:04am 09-08-25

As a faith leader (Pastor of La Mesa First UMC) and a member of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as well as a life-long San Diego resident, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include ALL unaccompanied migrant children. Our faith, let alone simple morals and ethics that all humans should share together, teaches us that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. No one would ever do that to their own child. Please, take this SIMPLE action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve. You'd want this for your own child, I'm sure of that.

Diode De Dios

Location:

Submitted At: 9:01am 09-08-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Karla Halvorson

Location: 92119, San Diego Submitted At: 8:47am 09-08-25

I highly endorse expanding the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program so that every unaccompanied migrant child has legal representation. As a social worker and as a Lutheran pastor, I find it unconscionable that we would not look out for the most vulnerable in our community.

We must look out for children. We must care for them nurture them protect them.

Zitlali Aguirre

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 8:44am 09-08-25

These children deserve the right to have representation, we have to help them.

Enya Castaneda

Location: 92104-7116, San Diego Submitted At: 8:43am 09-08-25

Kids deserve to have legal support.

Kimberly Phillips

Location: 92069, San Marcos Submitted At: 8:39am 09-08-25

No child should ever have to be alone in court.

Diane Hughes

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 8:37am 09-08-25

If we can imagine our own children or grandchildren in such a situation, we would hope that others would do everything in their power to ensure legal representation. It shouldn't only be our children we should care about: we need to call up whatever it takes in us for this small act of compassion. We're not talking about deciding the outcome of the court case. We are following one small but critical part of the Constitution.

Sandra Gomez

Location: 92020, El Cajon Submitted At: 8:14am 09-08-25

No child should represent themselves. Please help them. They are not at fault.

Sami U

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 09-08-25

First, illegal immigrants are not San Diegans nor are they new Americans. They are citizens of the country from which they came. Second, this crisis was manufactured by the Biden Administration, with Terra's support. The open border resulted in the destruction and/or death of families in other countries with the horrific result of the theft, selling, abandonment and trafficking of children to this county. And now the county is faced with the sad consequence of what to do with unaccompanied children for whom Terra did not act to protect. Why do you want to protect these children now, Terra? You don't protect the preborn facing sacrifice by abortion and you don't protect children facing mutilation in the name of trans. Children are always the pawns when the agenda is for power and control. Redirect the funds from defending convicted criminal illegals to this to help these children. These children must be repatriated to their country and reunited with their families.

Josh Johannsen

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 8:10am 09-08-25

If your child had to be placed in that seat and you had to prosecute them. You'd want them to have representation.

If this is the case of no representation for kids, then there should be no court that contains a trial for minors.

Mark Zickel

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 7:48am 09-08-25

If the federal government won't do it, then we must provide representation locally.

Colby Karzen

Location: 92084, Vista

Submitted At: 7:38am 09-08-25

Access to an attorney is the right of all people. As a foster parent in San Diego County, I ask that the county stand with children. We must reject the calculated cruelty of our president and his administration and be a shining light.

Leslie Wang

Location: 92123, SAN Diego Submitted At: 7:06am 09-08-25

I support the program on behalf of those children to have legal representation in a court of law.

Christina Jackson

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 6:02am 09-08-25

I support the No Child Alone in Court legislation

carolina arriaga

Location: 92154, san diego Submitted At: 12:19am 09-08-25

Everyone deserves fair trial and guidance, children are the most vulnerable to situations like this and urgently need representation and protection. No child left behind!!!!

Joan Brown

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 11:13pm 09-07-25

Let's be adults and do our job - protect children, all children.

Mayra Hayden

Location: 92071, santee

Submitted At: 10:55pm 09-07-25

Common sense policy, makes sense. The fact that the federal government allows minors to go unrepresented is an issue. Please support this expansion and protect the rights of the children.

Janelle Milner

Location: 92120, San Diego Submitted At: 10:41pm 09-07-25

Allied Gardens. What is happening in court is cruel and unjust to children! It is no way to treat anyone! I support the no child alone in court programs because we must do the right thing!

Anne Voth

Location: 92078, San Marcos Submitted At: 10:34pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and a member of San Marcos Lutheran Church/AMMPARO, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Jeff Cours

Location: 92075. Solana Beach

Submitted At: 10:07pm 09-07-25

As a Christian and an ELCA Lutheran, I cannot accept injustice to my neighbors, especially the most vulnerable ones. We are to welcome the stranger, "for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." I cannot accept idea of anyone being forced to navigate our legal system without representation, especially a minor, especially for life-altering stakes.

While the Federal Government claims to be getting rid of criminals, it has become clear that the brunt of what is being done is falling on those who have nothing to do with criminality, and it is being done in our names. We need to stand for what is right.

Rebecca Anderson

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:04pm 09-07-25

I am writing to support legal assistance for minor refugee's. We are all familiar with the aggressive recent actions related to immigrant minors, making it even more important that they can be assured due process as their status is being reviewed. These are children. We must care for them as we care for all children. Thank you for your support for representation for them.

Susan Nickerson

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 9:53pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) working with San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH, I have become much more aware of migrants' experiences in court. I believe it's crucial to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. No child should stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please ensure these children are treated with care.

Itza Cortez

Location: 91945, Lemon Grove Submitted At: 9:48pm 09-07-25

No child should be alone in court. Legal representation for all!

Gwen GleasonRohrer

Location: 92105, San Diego Submitted At: 9:46pm 09-07-25

Every child deserves protection and guidance. Please support this plan to make sure this happens for our most vulnerable children!

Mario Castillo

Location: 92104, San Diego Submitted At: 9:30pm 09-07-25

No kid should have to be in court alone

Emily Aparicio

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 9:29pm 09-07-25

Everyone deserves legal representation, especially these young innocent children. I support this program 100%!

susan montero

Location: 92101, San Diego Submitted At: 9:19pm 09-07-25

I support the program on behalf of those children to have legal representation in a court of law.

Gabriel Contreras

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 9:18pm 09-07-25 As a father of of a survivor of human trafficking and an advocate for the vulnerable people especially the young ones in San Diego county i support the program in behalf of those children to have legal representation in a court of law

Stacy Gill

Location: 92592, Temecula Submitted At: 9:15pm 09-07-25

Children involved in this immigration situation should have a Advicacte that can translate and help these children get to the right place with the right people. Group in pods or case loads and only have one case worker assigned to a pod of 20 children. Legally any child from anywhere should have an advocate.

tom antorietto

Location: 92127, san diego Submitted At: 9:12pm 09-07-25

I agree with you 100%. I am tired of the Gestapo regime destroying, harassing, kidnapping people especially children i.e., ICE detained and put two Canadian born children both under the age of 4 in a detention center. We have seen pictures of these centers, sleep on floor, no restroom facilities that are acceptable, 100% sure they did not get properly fed and 100% sure there are no medical facilities available!! That is Cruel and Unusual Punishment a felony under the Constitution.

Ellen Dunn

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 9:07pm 09-07-25

The children should have legal representation.

Shelley Ross

Location: 92008

Submitted At: 8:51pm 09-07-25

I fully support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied minors!

Dino Serafini

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 8:48pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and deacon at St. Didacus Catholic Community in Normal Heights and a member of FAITH, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Mona Kinkel

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 8:27pm 09-07-25

I am in support of modifying the San Diego County Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied migrant kids so that they maybe represented by an attorney. It is terrible that nationally we are not protecting the constitutional right to due process for migrants. It is especially heartbreaking and unjust to take away funding for children to have lawyers to ensure due process and fairness in immigration proceedings. We need to do what is right and fair. I am proud and hopeful that my County Board will do the right thing and include unaccompanied children in our existing program.

Ashley rodriguez

Location: 92116

Submitted At: 8:22pm 09-07-25

No child should have to go through this, how heartless, inhumane does one have to be to see young children go to court alone and think it's ok!!!

Melanie Torres

Location: 92113, San Diego Submitted At: 8:19pm 09-07-25

Kids having legal representation in court should never be up for debate. Literal children CANNOT fend for themselves!

Brittney Duran

Location: 92019, El Cajon Submitted At: 8:17pm 09-07-25

No children should be fighting alone. They are deserving to understand and have protection by their side. I want kids to have legal representation.

Naidelyn Rodas

Location: 94704, Berkeley Submitted At: 8:12pm 09-07-25

I want kids to have legal representation

Hadley Guillen

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 8:09pm 09-07-25 Legal representation for all.

Diana B

Location: 91977

Submitted At: 8:04pm 09-07-25 In support of what's right

Margaret Goebel

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 8:00pm 09-07-25

Please do not take away accompaniment for minors here on their own. They need care. As a person of faith I ask for your help for these children.

Fang Liu

Location: 95841, Sacramento Submitted At: 7:54pm 09-07-25

I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children.

Evelin Osorio

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 7:50pm 09-07-25

No child should be left to fend for themselves we need to take action now before these kids are subjected to more trauma.

Jennifer MacDougall

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 7:42pm 09-07-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP. As an attorney, including former federal judicial, law, clerk, and federal prosecutor, it's clear to me that access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system. Without question this right should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from, especially are most vulnerable, unaccompanied minors.

Estela Osorio

Location: 92113

Submitted At: 7:38pm 09-07-25

I support because it is and should be a right for people who can't afford representation to receive it. It is the cities Job to help it's community if they care about children and hard working community members

Maria Mendez

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 7:31pm 09-07-25

Legal representation for all especially children. In full support to represent unaccompanied children and families. No child should ever face the immigrant legal defense alone!

Brenda Morales

Location: 92020, San Diego Submitted At: 7:16pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and a member of San Diego Organizing Project and OLG, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Kimberly Morales

Location: 92105, San Diego Submitted At: 7:16pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and a member of [congregation/San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Elba Nava

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 6:27pm 09-07-25

I fully support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program No child should be left along to defend themselves .

KL Scott

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 6:24pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and parishioner at St. Didacus Catholic Community in Normal Heights and a member of FAITH, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Niels Lund

Location: 92007, Cardiff Submitted At: 6:20pm 09-07-25

No child alone

Julie Braden

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 5:42pm 09-07-25

I served as court appointed counsel for minors for about 45 years before retiring. Children must receive the protection of counsel in any legal proceeding affecting their fundamental rights. I fully support funding for legal representation in immigration court.

Fran Weekly

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 5:41pm 09-07-25

I fully support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program. No child/minor should be left along to defend themselves no matter what. It is unthinkable that this legal defense program would be denied to children in the United States. What has become of our country?

Adele Josepho

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 5:25pm 09-07-25

I fully support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program.

Jennifer Mcmullen

Location: 92082, Valley Center Submitted At: 5:21pm 09-07-25

All children need protection. No child alone.

Christiane Frank

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 5:06pm 09-07-25

As a person of faith and a member of Ascension Catholic Parish, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

David Block

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 5:04pm 09-07-25

As person of faith and a member of St. Pius X church in Jamul and a member of FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Lynn EddyZambrano

Location: 91915, Chula Vista Submitted At: 3:53pm 09-07-25

As a US citizen who believes in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, as a mother and grandmother, we must do what is right and humane by making sure unaccompanied migrant minors have legal representation during USCIS court proceedings.

Elliot Nesler

Location: 92129, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 3:43pm 09-07-25

I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. Every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Nicola Ranso

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:25pm 09-07-25

I am a social worker and it is vital for the minors' health and wellbeing to have representation and all the support possible that we would want to offer our own children. A culture is judged by how we treat our most vulnerable and those kids are certainly vulnerable.

David Freeman

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 3:22pm 09-07-25

It is crucial for children to have representation.

Yvonne Freeman

Location: 92117, San diego Submitted At: 3:07pm 09-07-25

It is unconscionable to put unaccompanied minors in front of a judge to support their cases for asylum. These children first confronted unbelievable harm

at home and on their journeys. Then, they are detained alone and put in an impossible situation to try to defend themselves. They must have a knowledgeable, caring adult to advocate for them. Yvonne Freeman

Bonnie BaileyJones

Location: 92106, San Diego Submitted At: 3:05pm 09-07-25

No child should have to stand alone in court. Every child deserves to have legal representation to present his/her case to the court so a just decision can be made on life changing issues.

Alisen James

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 3:04pm 09-07-25

I'm not a parent, but am the Aunt to a few nieces and nephews. The horror of a child standing by themselves in Court is unimaginable and unacceptable. I support this legislation for children to have representation in Court, for their livelihood.

KAREN BRUDNEY

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 3:03pm 09-07-25

I am a person of faith and active at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside. But even if I wasn't, I would still find how it unbelievable that anyone could put any child in court and expect them to defend themselves. I beg you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Progam.

They are children and need our protection. Thank you.

Oliver Ryder

Location: 92029, Escondido Submitted At: 3:01pm 09-07-25

I am Oliver Ryder and have lived in San Diego County since 1968. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I strongly support the No Child Alone in Court: Expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to Protect Unaccompanied Minors

The need for legal representation in immigration court is critical. Immigration law is among the most complex areas of law in the United States, and unlike in the criminal legal system, individuals facing deportation are not guaranteed an attorney. Without counsel, even those with strong legal claims may be removed without ever having the chance to make their case.

For fariness and with integrity for the rights of individuals the plan to continue to assure legal representation for unaccompanied minors is important to enact.

Krista KendallDepp

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:01pm 09-07-25

Said eloquently and succinctly by a fellow constituent Roena Oesting: No child should ever have to face the full might of the federal government alone. Please support this proposal. Thank you.

Bob Kent

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:57pm 09-07-25

Please expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Fund Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. How we treat children is who is we are as adults. No child should be forced to stand alone in court alone, without representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Robin Lang

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 2:57pm 09-07-25

All unaccompanied children should have legal representation.

Roena Oesting

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 2:49pm 09-07-25

No child should ever have to face the full might of the federal government alone. Please support this proposal. Thank you.

Yolanda Thomas

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 2:30pm 09-07-25

Trying to solve the problems that affect our community is a very noble and Democratic thing to do, but at what financial cost. Every program has a financial cost and this Board of Supervisors doesn't seem to consider the long term financial impact to the tax payers. Stop going to the county reserves for programs/funds that are being eliminated by Trump. My heart also bleeds for these children, but charity begins at home. Look at all the local children that need help in our community. Helping local children and their families helps the whole community, not just one child alone. Expanding the program only makes it appealing and encourages more children to come alone. So this only increases the financial impact to county tax payers. Not all problems can be fixed, and this is one that if fixed only increases the financial liability to your constituency. A solution maybe to find a charity organization that will take over representing these children.

Rio Phair

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 1:46pm 09-07-25 I support No Child Alone.

Maria Zack

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 1:24pm 09-07-25

Children deserve the support of a qualified adult when facing legal proceedings.

Barbara Amador

Location: 92026, Escondido Submitted At: 1:24pm 09-07-25

I support the Board Letter to ensure unaccompanied minors have access to due process and legal counsel in the County. Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that must be afforded to everyone in the U.S.

Robert Gailey

Location: 92110-5346, San Diego Submitted At: 1:08pm 09-07-25

Children are vulnerable and often unaware of our complex legal system. They deserve our resources and support.

Dan Weber

Location: 92108, San Diego Submitted At: 12:47pm 09-07-25

Support

Sally MorganGannon

Location: 92127, San Diego Submitted At: 12:46pm 09-07-25

I support "No Child Alone in Court".

Nancy Behm

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 12:25pm 09-07-25

As a parent and a human, it is unconscionable to allow children to appear in court alone! Please fund these services and ensure that San Diego County is a place that still has a heart for the most vulnerable.

Patricia Flowers

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach Submitted At: 12:20pm 09-07-25

No child should EVER be alone in court. It is essential that they have both an advocate and lawyer. If they can only have one, it needs to be a lawyer.

Karen Pohl

Location: 92119, San Diego Submitted At: 11:24am 09-07-25

I strongly support providing legal assistance to minors in this time of unlawful and cruel detention and deportation. We must show our humanity and provide support to these vulnerable children. Please vote in favor of agenda item 16.

Gary Jahns

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:08am 09-07-25

Please vote YES on agenda item 16. Children in court without legal representation is nothing more than FEDERAL ABDUCTION

Thomas Reid

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 9:28am 09-07-25

This is a chance to correct an injustice, caused by President Trump cutting the program that once provided unaccompanied migrant kids with lawyers. Our justice system should provide justice, not injustice.

RevJustine Sullivan

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 9:20am 09-07-25

As a person of faith and as minister of First UU San Diego and a member of San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Guided by our values of justice and mercy, we are called to ensure these children are not abandoned in their moment of greatest need. Please join us in making sure that these children are offered justice and care. See you on Tuesday!

Ronette Youmans

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10am 09-07-25

Is is unconscionable that the President in the White House ended a contract that provides legal help to migrant

children entering the country without a parent or guardian. I support Agenda item #16 because children should NEVER be forced to navigate the complex legal system alone. Thankfully, we have the possibility of direct legal representation for immigrant children, some who were abandoned by ICE's kidnapping of their parents, or for those immigrant children who came to the U.S. alone. Children navigating the immigration court system without a parent or guardian are especially vulnerable. Even toddlers will be forced to face a judge and a federal prosecutor completely alone, and many cannot speak English. Our beautiful San Diego must show its humanity.

I completely support San Diego County Supervisor Lawson-Remer's proposal that would continue and expand legal aid for unaccompanied migrant children.

Adrienne Heinzelman

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 9:01am 09-07-25

I fully support this item to ensure that unaccompanied immigrant minors are provided legal defense. We in San Diego County must stand up and do the right thing for these minors, especially when so many others are willing to abandon them. In these difficult times, we must remember that we are all human and deserve to be treated with dignity and fairness.

Esther Hornsby

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 8:57am 09-07-25

Planned Parenthood Case Management RN

Janel Jacob

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 7:32am 09-07-25

I support Terra Lawson-Remer in her fight to provide children with representation during immigration hearings. It is ridiculous to think that a child would be able to defend themselves alone in a legal proceeding. They would have minimal to no understanding of what was going on and will probably be completely terrified by the whole event.

Jessica Coullahan

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 6:29am 09-07-25

As a mother and a pediatrician, I think it incredibly important that we offer our support to these children who are alone in such a difficult time. None of us would want our children to go through such an ordeal and I think if we have any human decency, we will help look after those who do not have a guardian to do so.

Edward McFadd

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 6:16am 09-07-25

Doesn't our Constitution say 'persons' regarding due process? Are not children 'persons'? Get a grip!!!!!

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Frances Rosamond

Location: 2430, Old Bar

Submitted At: 12:57am 09-07-25

No child should be left alone in this system. I support the Agenda Item.

Chris Chatfield

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40pm 09-06-25

A civil society can never allow leaving children alone in a courtroom without any representation regarding immigration status

Barbara Takashima

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 10:39pm 09-06-25

This is ridiculous. As a human being and parent, no child should ever be left alone in a courtroom, let alone any unfamiliar and uncomfortable situation. People, use your common sense and hearts. What if this was your child?

SANDRA BRILLHART

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach Submitted At: 10:11pm 09-06-25

It is unconscionable to allow children to appear in court alone! Please vote yes.

Cherie Barker

Location: 92082-4006, Valley Center Submitted At: 10:11pm 09-06-25

I fully support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program so that NO CHILD is without representation. This Program is a moral statement on who we, who reside in San Diego County, are as individuals and communities. It is reprehensible that anyone would allow children to be put in the situation

of being in court alone. This is a traumatic experience and I can't believe it was meant to happen in our Country. Please pass this Program. Thank you

Margaret Carroll

Location: 92108, San Diego Submitted At: 10:02pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of [congregation/San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Sean Kilpatrick

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 8:15pm 09-06-25

Absolutely no child should ever be alone in this system.

Amy Hegy

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 8:03pm 09-06-25

Absolutely no child should ever be alone in this system.

Cameron Fosterling

Location: 92126-3010, San Diego Submitted At: 8:01pm 09-06-25

I think every child should be entitled to be accompanied into court.

Joshua Lazerson

Location: 92024-1930, Encinitas Submitted At: 7:34pm 09-06-25 it is a sad commentary on the state of American society when an item such as this becomes necessary to provide the minimum relevant protections to children. Let us at least take this minimal action, and hopefully build upon it, to protect these precious children.

Steve Howard

Location: 92122-3807, San Diego Submitted At: 7:25pm 09-06-25

Please approve expanded legal defense services for children in immigration court. There can be no due process without attorneys for children. Thank you for your attention.

Valerie Traina

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 7:23pm 09-06-25

I STRONGLY SUPPORT expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include the representation of children in immigration court. County Supervisors must fight the federal FASCIST administration in every conceivable way. Protect our immigrant neighbors of every age and gender and ethnic background.

Gina Ruiz

Location: 92025, Escondido Submitted At: 7:17pm 09-06-25

I urge you to support this expanded immigrant legal defense. Children have the right to a lawyer, just like everyone else! We must hold up the democratic ideals our nation fought so hard for and move toward better not worse.

Beatrice Halk

Location: 92123, San Diego Submitted At: 6:57pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of The Immaculata Catholic Church, San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Danyrea Megginson

Location: 91911, Chula Vista Submitted At: 6:34pm 09-06-25

As a mother, grandmother, and advocate I cannot imagine a reason ever where a child, if needed, wouldn't have legal representation in court. A child shouldn't have to attempt navigating a complex system and defend themselves! Most adults are unable to do this without assistance. I 100% support the expansion of the Immigration Legal Defense Fund. This really should happen without question. Think of the trauma most of the children have already gone through. If we do not pass this, shame on us!

Amber Moore

Location: 92102

Submitted At: 5:51pm 09-06-25

I wholeheartedly support this expansion of the program because all immigrants deserve access to legal representation, including unaccompanied minors!

Vinita Rajah

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 5:19pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of the Immaculata Catholic Church, I believe every child is precious in the eyes of God. It breaks my heart to think about the journeys unaccompanied migrant children have already endured—the danger, the fear, and the separation from family. I can only imagine the pain of parents who send their children away, not because they want to, but because it is the only way they see to keep them alive and give them hope for a future.

After such sacrifice, no child should then be left to stand in a courtroom alone, without someone to speak for them. Pope Francis has said that migrants and refugees are not pawns on a chessboard, but human beings with dignity and a longing for more. I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children, so that they are protected and treated with the justice and compassion they deserve.

Patricia Bender

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 5:14pm 09-06-25

What kind of a message do we send to future citizens about democracy when we ask them to go to court without legal representation!

Julie Sweeney

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 5:09pm 09-06-25

It is unconscionable to leave children without representation in court. Every child should have qualified counsel.

Nora Jaffe

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 4:55pm 09-06-25

I enthusiastically support expansion of San Diego County's Immigrant Defense Program to include minors.

Suzanne Stone

Location: 92024, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 4:53pm 09-06-25

Please expand support to provide representation for minors. No child should be left alone to face a system stacked against them.

Wanda G

Location: 92110-5346, San Diego Submitted At: 4:45pm 09-06-25

I fully support this expansion to provide representation for minors.

Ashley Mendiola

Location: 92113, San Diego Submitted At: 4:36pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Deborah Escamilla

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach Submitted At: 4:32pm 09-06-25

Please help. Adults being denied is bad enough; these are KIDS. All humans deserve rights.

Steve Lapin

Location: 92007, Cardiff

Submitted At: 4:25pm 09-06-25

I fully support.

Joni Hall

Location: 92026, Escondido Submitted At: 4:17pm 09-06-25

I support the expansion of the county's Immigrant Legal Defense Program (Item 16 on the September 9, 2025)

Agenda). Unaccompanied children should not lose their access to legal representation and be forced to navigate the immigration system on their own.

Amy C

Location: 92131

Submitted At: 4:09pm 09-06-25

As a pediatrician, I strongly support the proposal to ensure that unaccompanied minors have legal representation to ensure due process. It is imperative in order to ensurie mental and physical health of these children now and in the future. The trauma of navigating the system alone will impact them and our communities for years to come. Please expand funding for the legal defense fund

Rebecca Preziosi

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 4:06pm 09-06-25

As a pediatrician in San Diego, I strongly support this measure. Having children appear alone in court will cause unnecessary severe mental trauma.

Stephanie Baker

Location: 92054, Oceanside Submitted At: 3:56pm 09-06-25

I fully support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that should be afforded to everyone. As an attorney I have seen how the system fails those without representation. Children should not be navigating a complex system by themselves — we need to support our children by guaranteeing access to due process and legal counsel.

David Hall

Location: 92026, Escondido Submitted At: 3:32pm 09-06-25

No child should ever be expected or allowed to appear before a judge without competent legal representation. This definitely should apply to any child who appears before an immigration judge. I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to approve funding so that unaccompanied children and their rights are protected in court.

Paul Trause

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:17pm 09-06-25

Support to protect Democracy

cynthia keltner

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 3:09pm 09-06-25

Please protect and support with legal representation all migrant children Every person deserves a chance

MaryAnne Trause

Location: 920244015, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 3:09pm 09-06-25

I support unaccompanied minors being accompanied and protected in court by expanding the immigrant legal defense program.

Paula Block

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 3:03pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of St Pius X Catholic Church, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant

Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Beth Dugan

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 2:43pm 09-06-25

Children adrift without support easily become part of the criminal element—like Charles Dickens Oliver Twist. Children who receive support can learn the value of good citizenship.

As our federal system is undermining every resource and service that has kept our county strong, I support this effort to counterbalance that threat to stability in our community.. Thank you.

Beth Dugan

Valerie Chereskin

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:41pm 09-06-25

Please support legal aid for unaccompanied migrant children in San Diego by expanding the county's existing Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied children.

teresa beck

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 2:32pm 09-06-25

Please provide this support to these children.

Peter Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 2:24pm 09-06-25

I strongly support the proposal that would continue legal aid for unaccompanied migrant children in San Diego by expanding the county's existing Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied children. This is the right thing to do!

Soren Pedersen

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 2:13pm 09-06-25

I strongly support "No Child Alone in Court".

Janice Rothstein

Location: 92057, Oceanside Submitted At: 2:11pm 09-06-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP. Access to counsel is a fundamental civil right that should be afforded to everyone. I care about this because it is criminal to subject anyone, especially babies and children, to immigration proceedings without proper legal representation.

Terri Olson

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 1:44pm 09-06-25

I strongly support that unaccompanied immigrant children should receive legal representation. Expand San Diego County's Immigrant Legal Defense program to include these children.

SHIRLEY STOCKS

Location: 92007, Cardiff

Submitted At: 1:34pm 09-06-25

I fully support including immigrant children in the group for legal representation. It is reprehensible that this regime is so cruel to children. I don't care where they are from. They are CHILDREN!!

Meghan Hamler

Location: 91941, La Mesa Submitted At: 1:31pm 09-06-25

Protect these vulnerable children!

Gary Brown

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach Submitted At: 1:31pm 09-06-25

Please, Please, Please adopt item #16. It is needed to provide migrant children with necessary legal counsel, especially in light of today's UT headline," Suit accuses ICE of interrogating migrant children, their sponsors."

Ami Adkins

Location: 92020, El cajon Submitted At: 1:17pm 09-06-25

I fully support including immigrant children in the group for legal representation. It is reprehensible that this regime is so cruel to children. I don't care where they are from. They are CHILDREN!!

Summer Hellewell

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 1:11pm 09-06-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Theresa Kneebone

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 1:07pm 09-06-25

All children deserve support in navigating these complex systems. It is cruel to deprive them of this and contrary to the idea of justice.

Catherine Graham

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 12:52pm 09-06-25

As a person of faith, I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Jack Johnson

Location: 92675, San Juan Capistrano Submitted At: 12:25pm 09-06-25

Supporting the wrong people They should never have been sent here alone in the first place

Rebecca Wallies

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 12:19pm 09-06-25

I'm a member of University City United Church, and I strongly support expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program. No child should have to stand alone in court. It would be terrifying, and they probably wouldn't understand much of the proceedings. They definitely need someone representing them!

Helene Bell

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 11:37am 09-06-25 I am a person of faith and a member of St Francis of Assisi Church in Vista as well as the San Diego Organizing Project. I want you to understand that I believe the County has an obligation to expand the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. Jesus taught us that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone without legal representation. Please take the action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with dignity. These children are experiencing more trauma than any child deserves; more than any human deserves. If you are a person of faith, allow your faith to guide you in your decisions about these children.

Anne Zimmer

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 11:33am 09-06-25

There should be no hesitation with this decision. It is always right and just to support the wellbeing of a child. Thank you!

Keith Pedersen

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 11:25am 09-06-25

No child without representation.

Kai Pedersen

Location: 91602, North Hollywood Submitted At: 11:24am 09-06-25 No children alone in court!

Lauren Bier

Location: 92123, San Diego Submitted At: 11:16am 09-06-25

All people deserve due process. Everyone should have the assistance of counsel when facing the immigration court, regardless of age. It doesn't sit right with me that a person's right to counsel has never been applied to the immigration court system. Everyone should have that assistance. Ensuring that children, who deserve extra protection (especially when faced with the defense of their rights), should be a minimum.

Thank you for taking this step to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Bettina Pedersen

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 11:10am 09-06-25

These children MUST have an attorney to support and protect them.

Marc Mondesir

Location: 92127, San Diego Submitted At: 10:51am 09-06-25

The US legal system is meant to provide justice. It is supposed to be fair, with an accused person having legal representation. Making a child - of course unfamiliar with our legal system and unable to defend themself - face professional prosecutors *on their own* is patently unfair and unjust. I support immigrant legal defense to protect these children.

Lisa Bellora

Location: 92025, ESCONDIDO Submitted At: 9:52am 09-06-25

No child should stand alone, ever

Tabitha Kohmescher

Location: 92114, San Diego Submitted At: 9:30am 09-06-25 As a teacher and a mother, I firmly believe that children deserve to be protected, in every form. Children do not have the knowledge, the capacity, or the lived experience to defend their rights in the court room alone. If, as a society, we can agree that minors can't vote or go into any binding contract, why would we allow them to defend themselves in the court of law?

I support the county board in expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to protect unaccompanied minors.

Andrea Hayles

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 09-06-25

No child no matter what their immigration status is should ever stand in court alone, which is very much an adult environment. Able-bodied adults have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in our society. The outcome of this law is a reflection of what kind of world we are choosing to live in now and in the future. This responsibility is a small price to pay for the priviledges received when society chooses to live this way.

James Stiven

Location: 92007, Cardiff By the Sea Submitted At: 9:27am 09-06-25

Honorable Supervisors: I am a retired US Magistrate Judge, and I am most aware of the critical importance of having legal representation in all immigration matters. This is particularly important in Immigration Court, where attorneys are not provided by the government. It is doubly important in cases involving unaccompanied minors, who have no way of knowing how to protect themselves. I am a member of St Andrew's Episcopal Church, and we are committed to protecting the human rights of all persons - including immigrant children. Please support this essential measure before the Board. Thanks You.

Mary Laskin

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 9:25am 09-06-25

All people deserve due process, even immigrants. I support this measure as unaccompanied minors need assistance through the court process.

Katherine Stenger

Location: 92024, Encintas Submitted At: 9:00am 09-06-25

I have been to immigration hearings where terrified and confused adults faced the government and judge alone with masked ICE agents waiting to handcuff and take them away in the hall. Only those with attorneys were able to submit their cases in a manner and with the evidence necessary to obtain legal relief. Those without lawyers were swiftly taken to detention where they are treated inhumanely-subject to strip searches, verbal abuse, and cut off from communication unless someone deposits funds on their accounts. It is unconscionable for the US to deny the fundamental right of legal counsel to people seeking safety from trauma and violence—especially children.

Therefore I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Michele Schmalvogl

Location: 92027

Submitted At: 8:50am 09-06-25

Absolutely support, please do more for immigrant communities.

Kim Piker

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 8:32am 09-06-25

I agree with and support the plan to expand eligibility for our county's legal defense program.

Gretchen Bitterlin

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 8:32am 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of [congregation/San Diego Organizing Project/FAITH], I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Cheryl Herrera

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 8:28am 09-06-25

I completely agree that children need legal representation and should never have to go to court alone

Patsy BROWN

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach Submitted At: 8:27am 09-06-25

No child should be alone and defenseless. This is cruel and unusual

Brett StonerOsborne

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 8:18am 09-06-25

No underage person should have to navigate the courts alone. Thank you for taking action on this

Cathy Gross

Location: 92120, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 8:17am 09-06-25

I support no children left alone in court. Please support this

Chris Hulburt

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 8:13am 09-06-25

As a person of faith and a member of Saint Brigid Catholic Church, San Diego Organizing Project, and Faithful Accompaniment in Trust and Hope (FAITH), I urge you to expand the County's Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include all unaccompanied migrant children. My faith teaches me that every child is precious and worthy of care. No child should be forced to stand in court alone, without legal representation. I have accompanied people in Immigration Court. They are consistently terrified, confused, and overwhelmed. I can't imagine that any child could navigate the process alone. Please take action to ensure that these children are protected and treated with the dignity they deserve.

Mia Neustein

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 8:04am 09-06-25

I'm a healthcare worker. Folks without documentation should have legal representation.

Nancy Johnson

Location: 92130-2523, San Diego Submitted At: 8:03am 09-06-25

Every child deserves an advocate /attorney Whoever proposes a child should not have support has lost or never had humanity or empathy.

sharon mckenzie

Location: 92131, San diego Submitted At: 8:02am 09-06-25

Please work to insure legal protection is available for minors

Kat Tessero

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 8:01am 09-06-25

As a therapist, a community organizer, and a human, I urge you to support this measure. No one, especially children, should face court alone.

TERRENCE MURPHY

Location: 92111, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 7:55am 09-06-25

I support the ILDP Immigrant Legal Defense Program

Sofia Carrasco

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 7:49am 09-06-25

NO child deserves to be left alone in court. Thank you San Diego County for fighting to represent this youth and I urge you to follow through with this proposal, upholding the Sixth Amendment and basic human decency.

Scot McLeod

Location: 92128, San Diego Submitted At: 7:39am 09-06-25 No kids alone in court!!

Deidre McLeod

Location: 92128, San Diego Submitted At: 7:35am 09-06-25 No child alone in court!

ana Velasco

Location: 92027, Escondido Submitted At: 7:08am 09-06-25

Please Expand the Legal Defense Program to protect children and give them a voice and a chance. We pledge allegiance to a flag and to a REPUBLICwith Liberty and JUSTICE for ALL!!!

Let's not forget it!!!

Elizabeth Reep

Location: 92084, Vista

Submitted At: 7:04am 09-06-25

My spouse and I support the measure to expand eligibility for minors to have legal representation provided by the county

Kenneth Victor

Location: 92101, San Diego Submitted At: 6:56am 09-06-25

What was the cost for the 3,000 kids. Maybe it shouldn't be in a court setting?

How are they alone? If they are here illegally why should they get special privileges

Suha Chari

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 6:29am 09-06-25

All children need the support and help of adults to grow and flourish. Immigrant children are already under a lot of pressure and stress, and should never be brought to court on their own, under any circumstance. If they have to appear in court, it can only be with an adult, especially a parent, with the support of an attorney. If a parent is not available, at least a defense lawyer who has the interests of the child in mind, should accompany the child. This country used to be known for its children's services; withdrawing that is unacceptable.

Gail Bigelow

Location: 92109-7601, San Diego Submitted At: 6:17am 09-06-25

In support of all protection for children!

Sonya Heiserman

Location: 91977, Soring Valley Submitted At: 6:08am 09-06-25

Of course no child should ever stand in court alone. San Diego County should make sure they always have someone representing them.

Jean Hollowell

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 5:50am 09-06-25

As a retired attorney, I understand it is absolutely essential that these children are protected in court with a competent representative.

Barry FassHolmes

Location: 92108-1800, San Diego Submitted At: 5:37am 09-06-25

I strongly support No Child Alone In Court

Cindy Breider

Location: 92007, Cardiff Submitted At: 4:19am 09-06-25

Children should never be alone in court!

MaryJo Preti

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:45am 09-06-25

How can we let minore go into court without representation? Keep us from turning into a fascist state.

Andrea Buchanan

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 12:41am 09-06-25

No child on the face of the planet should stand alone. We are all together. We must protect those who cannot speak for themselves. They especially need to be protected from bullies and crazy people sitting in our White House.

Natalie Raschke

Location: 92108, San Diego Submitted At: 12:07am 09-06-25

These children deserve to feel safe and protected at all costs.

Yvonne Elkin

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 11:29pm 09-05-25

No caring human would condone sending a child into the courtroom alone without protection and support. It is imperative that the county step in where the federal government has failed and ensure any minor being sent to immigration court has legal and social services representation. Anything less the a 5-0 vote to support this proposal would be an abomination.

SONIA MORAN

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 11:28pm 09-05-25 No child should appear in court unaccompanied by a competent lawyer. What has this country come to? This is so agonizingly inhumane.

Maryam A

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 10:45pm 09-05-25

Children should not have to appear in court alone, especially migrant children who may not know English and are not familiar with our legal system To have a system that denies unaccompanied children a lawyer is inhuman and unjust.

Rachel Sandoval

Location: 92007, Cardiff

Submitted At: 10:32pm 09-05-25

No child should ever have to appear in court without qualified legal representation. Sending a child into a court room alone is simply cruelty and is completely unacceptable.

Kathy Fleming

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 10:15pm 09-05-25

No child should be expected to defend herself in court. Representation is the least can do. They deserve much more.

Britton Donaldson

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 10:06pm 09-05-25

Denying children of their 6th amendment right to counsel, which does indeed come in play here, is absolutely wrong.

Martin Marcus

Location: 92120, San Diego Submitted At: 10:03pm 09-05-25

Children in court need legal assistance. I support the measure to help provide lawyers for children in immigration court.

Carol Galloway

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 9:59pm 09-05-25

As a mom and grandma we must support children in court situations!

Cecilia Marzullo

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 9:54pm 09-05-25

As the country seems to move further away from its ideals of justice, fairness and equality, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to protect unaccompanied minors in San Diego. Thank you Supervisor Lawson Remer for bringing forward this plan. Please vote yes!

Perth Rosen

Location: 92037, San Diego Submitted At: 9:48pm 09-05-25

This shouldn't even be up for debate—seeking asylum and protection from deportation, especially for minors, is a fundamental right.

Rosario ValenciaPendleton

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 9:48pm 09-05-25 You have my full support on this motion. What type of a people are we if we willingly turn our backs on vulnerable children. What this federal administration is doing is beyond reprehensible. It is down right cruel. Please continue to push forward legislation in support of our immigrant community members. You have my vote Terra.

JOHN STEWART

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 9:44pm 09-05-25

My wife, Donna, and I strongly support providing legal aid to immigrant children. The current federal Administration is about hurting the least among us. We in San Diego are better than that...a lot better. Please vote yes to expand legal defense for unaccompanied minors. Thank you.

susana arnold

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 9:37pm 09-05-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from.

Sincerely, Susana

Eileeen Schnarr

Location: 92010, Carlsbad Submitted At: 9:33pm 09-05-25

Thank you for all you do to maintain the well-being of our county. Please vote yes for Agenda Item 16 NO CHILD ALONE IN COURT: EXPANDING THE IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM TO PROTECT UNACCOMPANIED MINORS. It saddens me that this is even necessary, but I am grateful you (the Board) will take steps to protect the children...our children.

Claire Mizumoto

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 9:22pm 09-05-25

Every child deserved to be protected. Minors, under any circumstances, should not have to appear without an adult looking after their best interest. Take care of the most vulnerable in our society and ensure support for these unaccompanied minors.

Robert Tollenaar

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 9:06pm 09-05-25 I support the proposal

Joan Raphael

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 9:05pm 09-05-25

Expecting any child to defend themselves is unreasonable. Expecting an immigrant child who doesn't know English to do so is obscene. Give these kids lawyers who can communicate with these kids!

Deborah Lyons

Location: 92014, Del mar Submitted At: 9:04pm 09-05-25

It is child abuse to require a child to appear in court without legal representation and proper emotional support. Please provide sufficient funding to the SD County Immigration Legal Defense Program. It would be unconscionable and shameful to allow this to happen.

Jake Simkins

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 9:00pm 09-05-25

The Government has people for this.

Mary Fifield

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 9:00pm 09-05-25

This is a matter of basic human dignity and care for children. The fact that we even need to codify this is a sign of how bad things are in our country right now. I'm glad the county is showing leadership.

Fatima Ghoulam

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 8:58pm 09-05-25

Humanity

Gail Folkman

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 8:48pm 09-05-25

Please support the San Diego County Immigration Legal Defense Program. We just cannot be treating children this way. Surely we cannot be so cruel.

Christine Rideout

Location: 92027, Escondido Submitted At: 8:45pm 09-05-25

Hello. I am a SEIU-UHW employee at Planned Parenthood and I support this idea. No child should have to go to court alone and unrepresented.

Alex Scordato

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 8:30pm 09-05-25

Hello, my name is Alex Scordato, and I'm a proud SEIU-UHW union worker. I'm here on my own behalf to voice my strong support for the San Diego County Immigration Legal Defense Program. No one in our community should face deportation proceedings alone—especially children. Right now, too many immigrant families and people without documentation are left without legal representation, which puts them at risk of separation and injustice. I urge the County to fully support and expand this program so no child ever has to stand in court alone and every family has access to justice. Thank you.

Amanda Stephan

Location: 92251, Imperial Submitted At: 8:28pm 09-05-25

I am a Union Steward with SEIU-UHW. Human rights are everyone's rights. We the people are watching to make sure our law makers are working for us. Not against us.

Kristin Childs

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 8:24pm 09-05-25

We absolutely must provide lawyers to unaccompanied minors. It is unjust to force a child's to defend themselves in a court of law. As a public school educator, I cannot accept the idea that this is how low we have dropped as a country. We should all be able to agree that bullies are the ones who abuse power over children who cannot defend themselves. It is immoral. We must take a stand!

Karen Colby

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 8:20pm 09-05-25 We need to ensure that unaccompanied minors in immigration court are provided legal representation. It's the right thing to do.

Susan Burger

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 8:16pm 09-05-25

I cannot believe that it is even considered that a child would not have someone with them in court. This is crazy and inhumane. Yes, I support Agenda item #16 to protect unaccompanied minors in court.

Chris Puntis

Location: 92024

Submitted At: 8:15pm 09-05-25

There can be no justice without representation. Unaccompanied minors must be adequately defended.

Lydia Grypma

Location:

Submitted At: 8:13pm 09-05-25

It's difficult enough for an adult. Children absolutely need this support.

Mary Liu

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe Submitted At: 8:09pm 09-05-25

I support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program wholeheartedly. Children need to be supported by adults who understand the intricacies of the law & advocate for them.

Katharine Ellis

Location: 92111, San Diego Submitted At: 8:06pm 09-05-25

I'd like to think we are a better people than an administration that makes little kids defend them in front of a judge. Seems a lot of decency has gone by the wayside and our fam8ly appreciates SD standing up to this immoral policy.

Cathy Evans

Location: 92064, Poway

Submitted At: 8:02pm 09-05-25

Every immigrant child needs a lawyer advocate when facing a judge in any court setting.

Lydia TuckerClark

Location: 92027, Escondido Submitted At: 7:57pm 09-05-25

Please support NO CHILD ALONE IN COURT. We as adults should be setting good examples for any child. We should show them kindness, justice, and humane treatment. We shouldn't copy bad examples of how some other countries badly treat human beings.

Ronald Brown

Location: 92025, Escondido Submitted At: 7:46pm 09-05-25

Anna Harley

Location: 92104-4247, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 7:46pm 09-05-25

I support expanding ILDP so unaccompanied migrant kids will have legal representation in immigration court. No kid should be put in a position where they face an immigration judge alone.

Donna Campbell

Location: 92124, San Diego Submitted At: 7:44pm 09-05-25

The fact that our legal system has children appearing alone in court is untenable. I support expanding the immigrant legal defense program to include unaccompanied minors.

Adriana SantoTomas

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 7:38pm 09-05-25 I support children's rights

Margaret Friend

Location: 92116, San Diego Submitted At: 7:29pm 09-05-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP. I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Access to legal counsel is a cornerstone of our justice system that must be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are or where they came from. People vary in the ability to represent themselves in court. Immigrants unfamiliar with our legal system or linguistic customs are at risk of unjust outcomes. Worse, absent representation, the challenges of unaccompanied minors in the legal system are insurmountable. Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right.

Flower Alvarez-Lopez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 09-05-25

On behalf of Universidad Popular, we express support for Agenda Item 16, No Child Alone in Court: Expanding the ILDP to Protect Unaccompanied Minors. For years, we have stood with immigrant families across North County San Diego, newly arrived asylum seekers, long-established immigrant communities, and Indigenous peoples whose presence predates border walls. We met people at detention sites, supported families after street releases, and work daily to ensure access to language, resources, and accurate information. We know that when children and families have legal representation, they have a fair chance to present their case, keep their families together, and live with dignity. It is outrageous to imagine that, starting October 1, hundreds of unaccompanied children could face immigration judges and federal prosecutors without counsel. Expanding the ILDP is a common-sense, urgent step to ensure due process and protect the most vulnerable. We urge your approval and thank you!

Leslee Komlosy

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 09-05-25

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Yvonne Loparo

Location: 92128-4438, San Diego Submitted At: 7:26pm 09-05-25

We HAVE to support these kids or we all have blood on our hands. If we don't then we are cruel and racist. Support these innocent kids!

Kathy Murphy

Location: 92075, solana beach Submitted At: 7:15pm 09-05-25

I STRONGLY the expansion of the immigrant legal defense program to include unaccompanied minors. No child should ever face a court in this abusive manner!

Susan Crane

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 6:44pm 09-05-25

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Children are the most voiceless, defenseless, vulnerable members of our society. We are obliged to protect and defend them.

Scott Kelley

Location: 92104-4215, San Diego Submitted At: 6:34pm 09-05-25

I strongly support expanding the immigrant legal defense program being expanded to unaccompanied minors. It is shameful, disgraceful and embarrassing that we would even consider not doing this. These are CHILDREN. They need protection and support full stop.

Stephanie Tarkington

Location: 92014, Del Mar Submitted At: 6:20pm 09-05-25

It's frightening to think we do not already have these protections in place for vulnerable, scared, alone children. Please do all you can to support this way to keep a child from more fear than they already are living with and to make the best possible solutions for their future. Thank you, Stephanie Tarkington

amira El

Location: 92128, San Diego Submitted At: 6:08pm 09-05-25

If every person needs a friend, then every minor deserves an informed adult. Do you have friends? Do you have accompaniment? We need to do our best for the children. It is their world after ours.

Z Kripke

Location: 92937, La jolla Submitted At: 6:07pm 09-05-25

No child should face immigration procedures alone, we must fund again a way to provide them advocates and support. Z Kripke MD

Cathy Love

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 6:00pm 09-05-25

I support children being represented in court no matter what. We know the statistics on people who don't have representation, they do not receive fair treatment under the law. EVERY child matters and deserves compassion and help!

Kathy McKee

Location: 91941, LaMesa Submitted At: 5:51pm 09-05-25

What does it say about our society that we don't care enough to protect our most vulnerable - little children! Thank you for your attention to this matter__

Kristina Gillan

Location: 92009

Submitted At: 5:51pm 09-05-25

EVERY child, regardless of legal status, deserves competent legal representation by an adult. It is the only developmentally appropriate option that a so-called democracy should offer.

Monica L

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 5:42pm 09-05-25

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tina zucker

Location: 92075, solsna beach Submitted At: 5:42pm 09-05-25

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Terry Holpert

Location: 92007, Cardiff by the Sea Submitted At: 5:41pm 09-05-25

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write to support the expansion of the San Diego County Immigration Defense Program to include children who are at risk of deportation & detention. These children, some of whom are under 5 years old, were represented by federally funded attorneys in the past, however, in an act of extraordinary cruelty, the Trump administration ended that program. I appreciate that the County's funds are limited, but sending these children to court without legal guidance & assistance will destine many to deportation, exploitation & death. San Diego County is better than that! Thank you.

Rachel Parks

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 5:39pm 09-05-25

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Elizabeth Young

Location: 92024, encinitas Submitted At: 5:32pm 09-05-25

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This matters to me because due process and representation is part of a Just and free democracy. Children especially deserved to be protected. How we treat people will reflect in our communities and societies for generations.

Linda Gibbins

Location: 92115, San Diego Submitted At: 5:28pm 09-05-25

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This matters to me because due process and representation is part of a Just and free democracy. Children especially deserved to be protected. How we treat people will reflect in our communities and societies for generations.

Mary Loes

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 5:24pm 09-05-25

ABUSE

Children should not be subjected to this treatment, period. But, since this is happening, please expand and support these poor children.

I am speechless that this is happening in our country.

Michael Negri

Location: 92011, Carlsbad Submitted At: 5:20pm 09-05-25

We have zero business using our tax dollars to support anyone who came here illegally. Children or otherwise. Our tax dollars which is where ALL county government money comes from in one form or another needs to be directed to legal citizens of San Diego County, and pending the reduction in federal funds coming our way out first priority should be to reduce our spend to bring it inline with our anticipated revenue, not looking for ways to use reserve money for anything but an absolute emergency. That does not include a bonus for unionized county employees.

Start looking at what is best for the people of San Diego County, not what is best for your party and your donors.

Betty Lange

Location: 92075-2601, SOLANA BEACH Submitted At: 5:16pm 09-05-25

I support providing legal support for children in court. Anything else is child abuse.

Jean McDonald

Location: 92102, San Diego Submitted At: 5:13pm 09-05-25

I support this important Board Letter to ensure all immigrants, including unaccompanied minors, have access to due process and legal counsel in the County through the ILDP.

Jenn French

Location: 92103, San Diego Submitted At: 5:12pm 09-05-25

Of course children should have access to counsel in removal proceedings. I fully support this agenda item.

Sylvia Ollinger

Location: 92126-2826, San Diego Submitted At: 5:08pm 09-05-25

Having a child in court alone facing a prosecutor and judge without representation is cruel and unusual punishment. Please expand the Immigrant Legal Defense Program by voting "yes".

Nancy Gatschet

Location: 92110, San Diego Submitted At: 5:04pm 09-05-25 No child should have to appear in court alone, It's frightening enough for an adult - a child could be traumatized.

JOAN HELLAND

Location: 92116-2129, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 4:59pm 09-05-25

No child should ever stand in court alone.

Kristen Panebianco

Location:

Submitted At: 4:50pm 09-05-25

Please expand this program and support the children in this frightening situation.

Jennifer Juckett

Location: 92083, Vista

Submitted At: 4:35pm 09-05-25

Sending unaccompanierd minors into court alone should be against the law. It's dispicable, outrageous, and cruel. How did it even come to this. Never should have been on the table. Please do what you can. What about other support like translators, or someone to give them a hug when they get out of there.

yvette Stanley

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 4:35pm 09-05-25

Children need to be protected no matter their situation. They should not have to go to court by themselves let alone not understanding the language. This is a traumatic experience and it is inhumane to inflict this treatment on children

Vesna Vukov

Location: 92107, san diego Submitted At: 4:31pm 09-05-25

No child should be made to go to court alone. All children should be protected. San Diego must step forward to support these children.

Gail Grimes

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 4:28pm 09-05-25

Support

William Keesling

Location: 92127, San Diego Submitted At: 4:19pm 09-05-25

Everyone deserves the right to a fair trial, jury of their peers, and legal representation. If we are sending minors to immigration court with out representation, is the jury or judge made up of minors? Do you just drop them off at some random corner in a foreign country on the corner and wish them good luck? When did humanity leave to be replaced by hatred and vitriol....

Dorothy Olsen

Location: 92024, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 4:14pm 09-05-25

This just make common sense. I can't believe anyone would have an reason to NOT do this. How would you feel if this was your kid??? Please do whatever you can to protect these kids. (What kind of world are we living in, that this is even up for debate!!) Please.

THANK YOU

Jill Levan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:11pm 09-05-25

I can't imagine children and minors in court without legal representation. That is not only unfair, it's not even practical. Please continue to provide legal representation for all minors in court.

D Lin

Location: 92014

Submitted At: 4:06pm 09-05-25

It's absurd to expect children to represent themselves in court!

Vanina JoulinBatejat

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 4:06pm 09-05-25

I completely support expanding legal representation for undocumented migrant children after federal funding cuts left hundreds of minors without attorneys. All children should and must be protected. Children facing immigration court are recognized as a vulnerable population whose human rights and due process are jeopardized without legal representation, as they are not guaranteed a government-appointed lawyer.

Arlene Yang

Location: 92130, SAN DIEGO Submitted At: 4:00pm 09-05-25

I am in support of providing counsel for children. Thank you.

Lois Klepin

Location:

Submitted At: 3:52pm 09-05-25

I support expanding San Diego's Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) to include immigrant children.

William Hawks

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 3:49pm 09-05-25

I agree, no children should have to go to court and not have representation. Thank you.

Victoria Rivapalacio

Location: 92117, San Diego Submitted At: 3:48pm 09-05-25

As an attorney myself, I would not want to represent myself in an area of law that is not my specialty. I cannot imagine asking anyone to represent themselves in a scenario with so much on the line, much less a child. No child should ever be put in such a position and this is a fixable problem, which is why I support Supervisor Lawson-Remer's plan.

Graciela Ortega

Location: 91902, B0nita

Submitted At: 3:47pm 09-05-25

Support

William Crane

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 3:44pm 09-05-25

Thank you for your caring stand to support unescorted minors.

Courtney Lapin

Location: 92007, Cardiff By The Sea Submitted At: 3:43pm 09-05-25

I am fully in support of this proposal. No child should have their life determined in a court of law without adequate representation.

K Newell

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 3:41pm 09-05-25

No more helping illegal aliens with legal representation. If they followed our laws, they would not be in this situation. Where were you when 300,000 children were smuggled in and disappeared under Biden's administration? You were not concerned about that in the least. Spend the money on the drug addicts or homeless in this county.

Katie Spiller

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:40pm 09-05-25

I support the expansion of immigrant legal defense so unaccompanied immigrant children can have legal representation in court.

Michael Willson

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 3:27pm 09-05-25

Absolutely the moral thing to do!

Frank King

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 3:22pm 09-05-25

As the child of an immigrant mother who faced possible deportation for nine years, I support expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include minor children. No child should be subjected to internment and deportation without adequate legal representation.

Doreen Graziano

Location: 92008, Carlsbad Submitted At: 3:21pm 09-05-25

In San Diego, no child should ever stand in court alone. All immigrants should have legal representation.

Teresa Baggot

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:19pm 09-05-25

It is heart-breaking and frightening to imagine an unaccompanied child in immigration court without any legal representation. How could this even be possible in the USA? Expanding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program to include unaccompanied minors is quite obviously beyond an urgent need. Please, please support this proposal. Thank you for standing up for these completely vulnerable children and helping to prevent further trauma in their lives.

Jay Poe

Location:

Submitted At: 3:17pm 09-05-25

Agree that children should be protected, but why at the cost of tax payers and not their own parents or families or country? I compassionately oppose this. I hope those that feel strongly can instead volunteer their own time and resources for these immigrant children specifically.

Carolyn Glockhoff

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 3:17pm 09-05-25

In San Diego, no child should ever stand in court alone.

Dale Schwab

Location: 92008, Carlsbad Submitted At: 3:15pm 09-05-25 I support continuing legal aid for unaccompanied migrant children in San Diego that the Trump administration is cutting.

Heidi Ledger

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 3:15pm 09-05-25

I support this unequivocally and whole-heartedly. To do anything else is cruel and inhumane. History will remember us all not as the home of the free and land of the brave, but home of the cruel and corrupt, land of people *so afraid* that they will step on the backs of children rather than be brave.

Cheryl Dine

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 3:15pm 09-05-25

Documented and undocumented CHILDREN above all others need support and empathy in our court system. Please protect unaccompanied minors.

Gregg Lichtenstein

Location:

Submitted At: 3:15pm 09-05-25

Watching how the Trump Administration brazenly attempted to break the law trying to deport 200 Guatemalan children over the Labor Day weekend demonstrates how important legal representation is to immigrant minors. Children were awakened by members of CBP and loaded on an aircraft. It was only the efforts of the lawyers of some of the children (with calls to a judge at 2:30 AM!) that saved them from being deported. The Trump Administration claimed their parents had approved their repatriation. However, A Guatemalan government report obtained by AP from a U.S.-based human rights group says 50 of 115 families contacted by investigators said they wanted their children to stay in the U.S., undermining a key Trump administration claim that they wanted their children back in Guatemala. Another 59 families wouldn't allow government teams in their homes, believing that refusing to cooperate would make it more likely their children could remain in the U.S. These kids need lawyers!

Lori Mendez

Location: 92117, San diego Submitted At: 3:14pm 09-05-25

How can we be of service? I am not a trained immigration, attorney, but with training, I would be glad to help.

Serafina Kernberger

Location:

Submitted At: 3:13pm 09-05-25

No child should be alone in court.

Kelly Keach

Location: 92124, San Diego Submitted At: 3:13pm 09-05-25

It is obvious that those without representation have a much more difficult time in court. Ask your friends or neighbors what it was like representing themselves in a divorce or car accident. Also, the court system works better and quicker if parties are represented. Fully support.

Trista Garcia Silvia

Location:

Submitted At: 3:12pm 09-05-25

I wholeheartedly support this. No child should be alone in court.

RoseAnn Sharp

Location: 92014, Del Mar Submitted At: 3:10pm 09-05-25

This is critical. We must follow the laws in a humane manner. American already has the reputation as the

country that kills its children by gun violence and now eliminates the rights they have to be represented legally. Please act.

WALT Birchall

Location: 92075-1704, SOLANA BEACH

Submitted At: 3:09pm 09-05-25

If we're not allowed to interact with a minor without a guardian or parent present in any other scenario, what could be more obvious in an immigration court? If I can't go to court, as an adult, unless I'm represented with a lawyer then why would immigration do this to a child? This is unlawful and evil.

Roni Breite

Location: 92119, San Diego Submitted At: 3:09pm 09-05-25

It would be cruel to leave young children without representation in court alone. The right thing to do is provide support. Of course it should come from the federal government, but failing that, then the state or the county.

Victoria DiCicco

Location: 92014, Del Mar Submitted At: 3:07pm 09-05-25

I support the expansion of immigrant legal defense so immigrant have legal representation in court.

David Landry

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 3:05pm 09-05-25

As an immigration attorney who represents unaccompanied children in Removal Proceedings in San Diego I know first hand how important having experienced legal representation in Removal Proceedings can be. Especially since Trump plans to allow attorneys with no immigration experience become temporary judges soon.

Lucy Howell

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 3:04pm 09-05-25

As a retired member of the Casa Cornelia Law Center Board of Directors, I am keenly aware of the need for legal representation for minors. Casa Cornelia has for years made this a priority for undocumented minors in San Diego County. Thank you, Supervisor Lawson, for recognizing this as an important issue. I am in full support.

Roberta Harada

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 3:03pm 09-05-25

Please support the expansion of the Legal Defense Program so these children have representation in court. What's happening to the immigrants is outrageous, especially children & families.

Rhya Cawley

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 3:03pm 09-05-25

The children must be protected. Thank you for your leadership!

Ruth Ketchum

Location: 92029, Escondido Submitted At: 3:03pm 09-05-25

It's the fair and right thing to do

Veronica Valdes

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 3:02pm 09-05-25

Children safety above all! Never alone.

Janet Simkins

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 2:58pm 09-05-25

Why do you oppose EVERYTHING Trump is for? Most of it is really ridiculous. Your program is not just for juveniles, but for adults too and costs us a lot more money. There is no legal defense for any illegal. Judges can be compassionate and levelheaded...and do what is right for the juvenile. You do not help your Democrat party.

Jill MacDonald

Location: 92075, Solana Beach Submitted At: 2:58pm 09-05-25

Support using tax dollars to give children facing deportation legal assistance at their immigration court appointments.

Ann Grow

Location: 92037, La Jolla Submitted At: 2:56pm 09-05-25

It is beyond belief that anyone could think it's okay to treat children that way -- it just breaks my heart. Children in court without representation and support is purely evil.

Jeffrey Rodriguez

Location: 92129, San Diego Submitted At: 2:55pm 09-05-25

They got here without lawyers just deport them

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Marika Nickson

Location: 92130, San Diego Submitted At: 2:53pm 09-05-25

Thank you Terra for taking up this very important issue. I am fully in support of you.

T Reid

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:51pm 09-05-25

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON ANY CHILD- ANY MINOR SHOULD BE IN A COURTROOM ALONE!!! What are we doing here!?!

NO CHILD ALONE IN COURT!

Laurie Baum

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:51pm 09-05-25

It is a travesty, what is happening to immigrants in our country. Let's do everything we can in San Diego County to help the immigrants! Thank you for standing up for their rights!

Kate Vereb

Location:

Submitted At: 2:50pm 09-05-25

Support

NancyC Schrum

Location: 92118, Coronado Submitted At: 2:49pm 09-05-25

Absolutely support expanding legal services to provide minors an accompanying representative in court.

Ann Asaro

Location: 92020, El Cajon Submitted At: 2:49pm 09-05-25 No child should stand alone!!

Angelica Oberleithner

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 2:48pm 09-05-25

Absolutely in support of this. Please make it happen! It's the right thing to do

Ruth Kaplan

Location: 92122, San Diego Submitted At: 2:47pm 09-05-25

I am writing to support legal defense in immigration court for minors. I agree with Terra Lawson Remer that no child should face deportation alone without representation. I also support continuance of legal support for San Diegans who may face deportation. I have been a volunteer for a single Venezuelan mom with 3 children including a severely disabled 13 year-old son. Their TPS may expire as soon as next week. Thanks to the County of San Diego, they will have legal representation in their asylum claim.

Patricia Kellogg

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 2:45pm 09-05-25

I am a retired mental health counselor and former journalist as well as a mother and grandmother. I've worked with children, teens and families with difficult trauma issues. I want

to urgently support the expansion of the immigrant legal defense program to include unaccompanied minors. This is vital and desperately needed. And absolutely the right thing to do! No person — let alone a child — should be left to fend for himself or herself in such a precarious legal situation. I have testified several times on behalf of children in court (and won!). I know first-hand how critically important it is for children to have support and care in these enormously trying circumstances. Please, please — make absolutely certain that these children have support and good legal representation!

Patty Kellogg, former print journalist, college teacher and mental health therapist.

Gregory Rose

Location: 92117-4424, San Diego Submitted At: 2:43pm 09-05-25

I support No Child Alone in Court. How could unrepresented minors, even ones who are fluent in English, expect a fair outcome?

Maraya KenyGuyer

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 2:41pm 09-05-25

I strongly support the No Child Alone in Court agenda, and believe every minor should have comprehensive legal support.

Shirin Rejali

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:40pm 09-05-25

I strongly support agenda item 16. Sending a child into court without legal representation is unjust and un-American.

WILLIAM Paxton

Location: 92014, Del Mar Submitted At: 2:39pm 09-05-25

I strongly support further funding the legal defense fund for minors, to help ensure their rights.

Thank you.

Kimberly Meyer

Location: 92029, Elfin Forest Submitted At: 2:37pm 09-05-25

As a mother I am appalled at the mere idea of a child representing themselves in court, what in the world have we become as a nation to even consider something so cruel and inhumane??? I have always cherished the United States as an idea., as Ronald Reagan said a "shining city on the hill". How could we possibly reconcile that with what we are doing to these children today? Please let us do our best to protect the most vulnerable, Thank you, Kimberly Meyer

Joseph Powell

Location: 92126, San Diego Submitted At: 2:36pm 09-05-25

I support the No Child Alone in Court agenda item.

Paulette Goforth

Location: 92117

Submitted At: 2:36pm 09-05-25

I support the No Child Alone in Court agenda item.

Ana PalomoZerfas

Location: 92008, Carlsbad Submitted At: 2:36pm 09-05-25

Support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). No child should appear in court without legal support and counsel.

Quy Nguyen

Location: 92126, Sandiego Submitted At: 2:36pm 09-05-25

I strongly support legal attorney to help Sandiego kids

Patricia Vasko

Location: 92101, San Diego Submitted At: 2:34pm 09-05-25

I support San Diego to make sure no minor is in court alone!!!!

Diane Pitzel

Location: 92109, San Diego Submitted At: 2:33pm 09-05-25

There can be no fair assessment of a child's rights without legal representation.

ronald marcus

Location: 92131, San Diego Submitted At: 2:32pm 09-05-25

We must stand up against forced deportation for people who have committed no crime except wanting a better life for themselves and their families. We are better than our federal government.

Lorena Barrientes

Location: 92069, San Marcos Submitted At: 2:32pm 09-05-25

No child should be allowed to be alone in any courtroom.

Maria Greenwald

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:32pm 09-05-25

Please support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). No child should appear in court without legal support and counsel.

Keith Fink

Location: 92107, San Diego Submitted At: 2:32pm 09-05-25

Sending a child into court (or anyone, for that matter) without legal representation is absurd and unjust.

Pass agenda item 16.

Virginia Sublett

Location: 92024, Encinitas Submitted At: 2:26pm 09-05-25

I support the No Child Alone in Court agenda item unconditionally.

Margot McQuownRiehn

Location: 92024, ENCINITAS Submitted At: 2:22pm 09-05-25

We are absolutely in favor of affording unaccompanied minors' rights to be represented in court, and expanding the legal defense fund to allow their representation.

Kathleen Nahman

Location: 92127, San Diego Submitted At: 1:57am 09-05-25

Please make sure no child has to faced a court hearing without representation. Can't believe I have to type these words.

Brendon Webb

Location: 91942, La Mesa Submitted At: 7:17pm 09-04-25

Either use tax revenue to better county citizens lives, or reduce our taxes and return our money

Lesa Thode

Location: 92009, Carlsbad Submitted At: 12:45pm 09-04-25

The right to a court appointed counsel still applies to asylum and refuge seeking children in our country.

Amanda Mascia

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 12:40pm 09-04-25

All children deserve our protection, safety and care. As a San Diego County resident I fully support legal representation for unaccompanied minors. Thank you for providing immigrant legal defense for children.

James Coleman

Location: 92119, San Diego Submitted At: 7:07am 09-04-25 It's the right thing to do

Kerrie Foss

Location: 92130

Submitted At: 10:37pm 09-03-25

Thank you for doing the right thing. Every person, especially children, should have legal representation. This is the only response to the current inhumane and cruel federal changes.

Michael Gordon

Location: 92056, Oceanside Submitted At: 5:35pm 09-03-25

In my opinion this action is the appropriate response to the federal administration's anti-American AND immoral position. Children in court without representation and support? That is undeniably evil.

We are watching your actions on this.