



**STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE CAMPAIGN JOINS CALL TO
WITNESS AND ACTION IN ARIZONA FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF
NON-COMPLIANCE AGAINST SENATE BILL 1070**

**Nearly 200 from Across the Country will Stand on the Side of Love with Immigrant
Families and Join Fair-Minded Arizonans in Opposing Racist & Anti-Immigrant Bill**

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PHOENIX, AZ -- With Arizona's new immigration-related legislation, SB 1070, poised to going into effect on Thursday, July 29, the Standing on the Side of Love (SSL) campaign will bring nearly 200 individuals – from Alabama to Wisconsin, and from Maine and Georgia – to Phoenix, where we will join immigrants and their families, local activists, and immigrant rights, interfaith, labor, and civil rights organizations in speaking out against the proposed law. The protest and witness activities will take place against the backdrop of the National Day of Non-Compliance with SB 1070, spearheaded by Puente and the National Day Laborers Organizing Network.

“What is happening in Arizona to families is wrong,” said Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, who sent out the call-to-action email to members of the Standing on the Side of Love campaign. “Taking parents away from their children is a violation of human rights and of Love’s law – of God’s law. When families are being terrorized, and entire communities are criminalized, I must stand up for what my faith tells me is good and right.”

On July 29, the SSL campaign will participate in a 6:00 a.m. interfaith service at Trinity Cathedral, 600 West Roosevelt Street, followed by a 7:30 press conference with clergy,

including Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Peter Morales, who leads the denomination of more than 1,000 congregations. Throughout that day, as well as the days prior and following, the campaign will join protests, rallies and vigils, and will lead public witness activities across downtown Phoenix with *Standing on the Side of Love with Immigrant Families* placards and yard signs. Some individuals may also be called to non-violent civil disobedience as a form of protest.

“Our goal is to stand in solidarity and love with immigrants and with those who live in fear of the racial profiling this law will legitimize,” said SSL Campaign Manager Dan Furmansky. “SB 1070 was borne from anti-immigrant rhetoric, stereotypes, and misinformation. The millions of undocumented individuals in this country are human beings, not political footballs, and they deserve the same love and compassion any of us would hope to see for ourselves and our families.”

“The SSL Campaign will continue to advocate for an end to all local enforcement of federal immigration law, and for immigration reform that is humane, offers people hope, and keeps families together,” he added.

Members of the SSL campaign who are unable to travel to Phoenix are participating in the National Day of Non-Compliance by organizing and attending vigils and rallies for immigrant rights around the country. Planned events will take place in Salt Lake City, UT; Columbus, IN; Aurora, CO; Sioux City, IA; Philadelphia, PA, and multiple cities in California, to name a few.

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Standing on the Side of Love (SSL) is an interfaith public advocacy campaign, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, promoting respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Standing on the Side of Love confronts issues of exclusion, oppression and violence based on identity. Based in the aspiration to create beloved community, the campaign pursues social change through advocacy, public witness and speaking out in solidarity with those whose lives are publicly demeaned.

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