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FACT SHEET

**YWCA Silicon Valley, represented by the ACLU,
seeks injunction of ‘sanctuary jurisdictions’ executive order**

1. YWCA Silicon Valley is seeking to join Santa Clara County as a plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking a preliminary injunction to block [President Trump’s Executive Order](#) to defund “Sanctuary Jurisdictions.”
2. If enforced, this Executive Order could effectively remove nearly 40% of YWCA Silicon Valley’s operating budget, **thereby causing immediate, direct, and irreparable harm to the extremely vulnerable population we serve.**
3. YWCA is one of the largest providers of domestic violence services in America. In Silicon Valley, YWCA provides critical services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking – **this work and these issues receive support across the political spectrum and must be protected.**
4. “De-funding” sanctuary cities, counties and states is not just an intellectual exercise: **this action will have real -- and devastating -- impacts right here in Santa Clara, and on local communities across America.**
5. If the Executive Order is enforced, it will drive victims underground and out of the reach of law enforcement efforts to bring crime perpetrators to justice.

6. YWCA Silicon Valley is a critical provider of services to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking victims, but it is not the only one. ***YWCA Silicon Valley takes this action to ensure critical services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in ‘sanctuary jurisdictions’ are protected.***

Q&A

What is President Trump’s executive order all about?

On January 25, 2017 President Trump signed an executive order threatening to withhold federal funding from so-called ‘sanctuary jurisdictions’. The Executive Order is an unconstitutional attempt to punish cities, counties and states that decline to become full-fledged agents of federal immigration enforcement.

Why is there a lawsuit?

The County of Santa Clara filed a suit challenging President Trump’s executive order as unconstitutional. The withholding of federal funds to the County of Santa Clara would be devastating to the community. The aim of the legal action is to get an injunction, which would prevent President Trump from being able to implement the ‘sanctuary jurisdiction’ Executive Order. Santa Clara County has filed a motion for a preliminary injunction, which would block the President from implementing the Executive Order until the court can hold a trial to determine its legality.

What is YWCA Silicon Valley doing?

The ACLU, on behalf of YWCA Silicon Valley, filed a motion to join the lawsuit as a plaintiff alongside Santa Clara County, and to join in Santa Clara County’s motion for a preliminary injunction. The YWCA supports and joins Santa Clara County in its fight against President Trump’s threat to punish cities, counties and states that have established safeguards to protect their residents.

By joining the lawsuit and the motion for an injunction, YWCA Silicon Valley brings an added dimension to the case. YWCA Silicon Valley exists within three possibly declared ‘sanctuary jurisdictions’ – City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, and State of California. In the current fiscal year, the YWCA receives about \$2.65 million from the federal government, which is almost 40% of its budgeted revenue, and a substantial portion of those federal dollars are received as “flow through” grants through state, county and local governments. Defunding

these jurisdictions would lead to a significant portion of the YWCA's budgeted funding being eliminated.

Is this just about the money?

No. YWCA Silicon Valley is not seeking to receive monetary damages. What we are seeking a court order that would prevent the President from being able to deprive any jurisdiction of federal funds by designating it as a 'sanctuary jurisdiction.' We are doing this to protect access to federal funding that is essential to our ability to serve our community.

The YWCA is joining the Santa Clara County lawsuit in order to add strength to the case. As a result, YWCA Silicon Valley aims to protect funding for services for victims of crime. This action is about fighting for victims of violence and making communities safe.

The YWCA is grateful to be receiving pro bono legal counsel from the ACLU.

What is the YWCA Silicon Valley's impact?

YWCA Silicon Valley's mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. To advance this mission, YWCA provides a range of services for victims of violence including crisis response, shelter, legal advocacy, counseling and housing. YWCA is one of the largest providers of domestic violence services.

Locally, YWCA Silicon Valley serves at least 18,000 women and families each year.

If federally defunded as a result of this Executive Order, the majority of YWCA Silicon Valley's resources for services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking would essentially evaporate. Here's what those services currently provide:

- 24 hour crisis response hotline for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, estimated 4000 callers annually
- Confidential domestic violence shelter – the only one located between San Jose and SFO, providing a projected 5800 shelter nights annually
- Rapid rehousing and transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking – projected 9,000+ service days this coming year

- Provision of confidential in person advocacy support when sexual assault survivors receive medical exams – we are the only designated rape crisis center for central San Jose to Palo Alto
- Legal services and confidential case management for victims of violence, including support through law enforcement interviews, medical exams, trial proceedings, and more
- Victim outreach services delivered at the San Jose Family Violence Center and the Sunnyvale Family Justice Center, reaching an estimated 3000 annually

These services are critical for survivors of violence, and YWCA Silicon Valley is prepared to fight against any threat that will interrupt these life-saving services.

While YWCA Silicon Valley is a critical provider of these services, there are additional victim's service organizations that would be impacted. ***YWCA Silicon Valley takes this action to ensure services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in 'sanctuary jurisdictions' are protected.***

What is the timeline?

A judge will hear our motion to intervene and the motion for preliminary injunction on April 5, 2017. A preliminary injunction, if issued, would prevent the President from 'de-funding' so-called 'sanctuary jurisdictions' until the court could hold a full trial to determine whether the Executive Order is lawful.

What if the judge does not grant a preliminary injunction?

Even if the judge does not grant a preliminary injunction, the case would go forward and the plaintiffs would continue to gather evidence that the executive order is unlawful, to present at a trial.

YWCA Silicon Valley is an agent of change by providing service and advocating for justice. YWCA Silicon Valley will continue to work with partners like the ACLU, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, and YWCA's across America to advance our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

What can I do to help?

1. Show your support on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#). Share our post, garner support from your networks – let's ensure the 'Sanctuary Jurisdiction' executive order is stopped.
2. [Donate](#). Every contribution powers direct service and social change. New donations, renewed, and incremental donations will be matched by the Sobrato Family Foundation.
3. [Take Action](#). More information on how you can advocate for eliminating racism and empowering women is on our web site.