



Statement by the ACLU and YWCA Silicon Valley on injunction blocking “sanctuary jurisdictions” executive order

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SAN FRANCISCO —U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick today issued a nationwide preliminary injunction that prevents the federal government from implementing President Trump’s Executive Order to deny federal funds to so-called “sanctuary jurisdictions.” YWCA Silicon Valley, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, presented arguments to the court in favor of the preliminary injunction, and will continue in its efforts to intervene in the case on the side of the cities and counties challenging the Executive Order.

William Freeman, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU of Northern California, issued this statement.

“We are gratified that the court recognized the profound danger to our democracy posed by the President’s attempt to exercise unconstitutional powers. Under our system of government, the President cannot coerce cities, counties and states to become agents of federal immigration enforcement by threatening the loss of funds appropriated by Congress. In addition, the Executive Order would have harmed the essential work of nonprofit organizations like YWCA Silicon Valley, which use federal funds to provide vital services in their local communities.”

From YWCA Silicon Valley CEO Tanis Crosby:

“A great victory was won today, as the Court recognized the devastating, real-life impacts defunding so-called “sanctuary jurisdictions” would have on communities across America.”

“YWCA Silicon Valley wholeheartedly congratulates Santa Clara County in its fight against this unconstitutional executive order. YWCA Silicon Valley remains unbowed in our determination to protect essential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. We will continue to advocate by all means necessary on behalf of those we serve.”

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YWCA Silicon Valley is represented in this litigation by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California, Inc.; the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California; the ACLU Foundation of San Diego and Imperial Counties; and the American Civil Liberties Union, Immigrants’ Rights Project.