

# Freedom Ride! Immigrants' Caravan Against Deportations

*This caravan will travel through different communities surrounding Chicago. We will hold meetings, discussions, rallies and actions to confront xenophobic legislations, English-Only ordinances, Secure Communities, PoliMigra, 287(g) and to push for the passage of the Dream Act. Join us, or connect with us along the way!*

## Itinerary and Schedule

### Friday, September 3rd

- **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM:** **REUNION** & Rally in support of the DREAM Act  
[Congresswoman Melissa Bean's office](#), 1701 East Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, IL  
(Outside of Building on Side Walk)
- **5:00 PM – Leave Schaumburg and ride to Naperville**
- **7:00-8:00 PM** – Arrive in Naperville and be received by our friends of Immigrant Solidarity Dupage. Shelter is graciously provided by [St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL](#).
- **8:00-10:00 PM - Welcoming Reception from Immigrant Solidarity Dupage and Dupage Community Leaders.** Dinner will be provided. St. Margaret Mary Parish, [1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL](#).
- **11:00 PM – End of Day. Spend the night at** [St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL](#)

### Saturday, September 4th

- **8:00 AM** - Breakfast at [St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL](#).  
Breakfast will be provided
- **9:15 AM** - Depart St. Margaret Mary Parish – Ride to Wheaton
- **10:00 AM - Rally: “Stop the 150 Weekly Deportations in Dupage/ Legalization for All!”**
  - [Dupage County Courthouse 421 S. County Farm Rd. Wheaton IL](#)
  - 1/2 Mile March South on County Farm Rd and East on Roosevelt Rd to Marianjoy (Franciscan Sisters) Campus for a short vigil
  - **10:45** Return to Dupage County Courthouse Complex for closing remarks and **distribution of sacked lunches.**

- **11:00AM** – Assemble caravan and leave for Joliet
- **3:00 PM** Rest stop, lunch and discussion on precarious working conditions in suburban warehousing and logistics industries: [Bolingbrook area](#). (Must buy/get/have your own lunch)
- **6:00 pm** [Nuestra Senora de Monte Carmelo Church](#), 205 East Jackson Street, Joliet  
Meeting and discussion on immigrant rights issues and Joliet-area activism; dinner with Freedom Riders. (Evening Meal will be provided)
- **10:00 PM** – End of Day. Spend the night at [Nuestra Senora de Monte Carmelo Church](#),

## **Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **8:00 am:** Breakfast and tabling at the 8:30 Mass, Monte Carmelo Church  
(Must buy/get/have your own breakfast)
- **10:00 AM** Depart for Homer Glen
- **Noon - 1PM :** [Culver Park on S Parker Rd, Homer Glen](#)  
Stop in Homer Glen for rest, discussion of English-Only ordinances and sidewalk chalking action  
(Lunch will be provided by MDC)
- **2:30 PM** - Stop in [Bridgeview](#) for a solidarity event with the Muslim Community. Details TBA.
- **8:00 PM**-Arrive in Chicago for a reception in Little Village from our friends at the [Justice Mission](#)/Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. (3442 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Chicago IL 60623. **Celebration and wind down.**  
(Dinner will be provided) Women from the Mission will have Delicious Homemade Food for the Freedom Riders.

**Come and join the discussion on what is next for the campaign and how we will stop  
Deportations!!!**

*Route:*

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For more info Visit us at: <http://moratoriumondeportations.org/>

***Please visit daily as more information is added and being updated!***

## **5 statements from the Moratorium on Deportations Campaign Group**

### **Immigrants are not the root cause of our current social, political and economic problems**

Immigration did not cause the bursting of the financial bubble that pushed millions of people out of their homes, nor the environmental disaster in the Gulf; it did not cause soaring unemployment, nor did it bankrupt state budgets. Immigration is not the reason why schools are underfunded or why health insurance costs are on the rise. Immigration is not the reason why \$171 billion of our tax money was spent on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year alone, instead of being used to give relief to families in need, struggling small businesses, or to fund health and education programs, unemployment benefits, support to ailing veterans. Immigration is not the reason why aging Americans take the bus to Canada to buy medication and seek health care, nor did it cause the long lines in thousands of soup kitchens around the country. More and more people feel insecure and abandoned by the American dream: but the economic and political mess we are in was not caused by immigration.

### **In times of financial meltdown, there is always a scapegoat**

The history of blaming and criminalizing immigrants is a long one. In the 1800's the southern European immigrants were disenfranchised because of their supposed inferior intelligence; in the early 1900's it was the Italians and Eastern Europeans; by 1920 it was Jews, Chinese, Germans and Japanese who were the threat to American purity and the danger to its economic, political and cultural stability. And so on. Throughout this history, the same "arguments" were used: they are criminals; they are lazy; they are threatening our culture; they are not assimilating; they do not speak English; they are not as good as us; they are taking away our jobs, our resources. These are the talking points of the myth of the dangerous aliens. And all the while, immigration is part and parcel of American corporations pursuing economic interests at home and abroad: after all, you cannot expect to globalize capital without also dealing with the globalization of labor.

### **Stepping up enforcement will not make us safer**

If the root cause of our social, economic and political problems is not immigration, then solution cannot lie in the realm of prisons, detention centers, militarized borders, increased surveillance, mass criminalization, racial profiling and monoculture. This approach is a dangerous and expensive distraction.

### **"Secure Communities" is a danger to our democracy**

A broad strategy called "Secure Communities" is quickly and quietly being implemented around the country, promising the efficient, hi-tech integration of surveillance and policing between local authorities and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It goes something like this: at any point during your time in the

custody of local law enforcement -- at a traffic stop, being booked, formally charged, awaiting trial, or serving a sentence — local authorities are to pass your identification information to the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI. This is true even in situations of wrongful arrest, when no charges are filed or when charges are subsequently dropped. This is a continuation of previous policies known as 287(g) agreements. But 287 (g) required ratification at the local level, where it was often met with strong opposition from community organizations, local legislators and often even local law enforcement. In contrast, no formal vote or other process of public debate is necessary for Secure Communities to be implemented locally, not even an official decree: it masks itself as merely a procedural improvement via augmented technological capabilities and systems integration. All that is required by County officials is signing a letter of intent to follow the Standard Operating Procedures set forth by ICE. As a result, Secure Communities has been rolled out at incredible speed and away from public oversight. Furthermore, ICE has been deliberately misleading in calling it an "optional" program: several jurisdictions have made efforts to "opt out" of the program only to have their requests mired in a confusing bureaucratic process.

### **Targeting immigrants makes us all targets**

Even though President Obama campaigned on calling out the immigration system as broken, as not realistically addressing the issues of migration in a globalized economy, his administration has stepped up its enforcement to unprecedented levels. Scapegoating immigrants is now a national strategy, with Republicans and Democrats seemingly trying to outdo each other. Homeland Security reports recently boast that no administration in US history has ever forcefully removed more people from this country. But this does not only effect millions of immigrants and their families. Let us remember: immigrants do not live in a vacuum. In fact, immigrants have a high rate of participation in local communal support networks (including reciprocal relations like watching each other's children, carpooling, local barter and exchange networks, community gardens, church programs and so on) which help make neighborhoods more resilient, and help people cope in times of crisis; when immigrant families are torn apart, larger community networks are disrupted, which further destabilizes our neighborhoods.

Several police chiefs and legislators have reported that Secure Communities makes it less likely for people to call on the police and report crimes, making neighborhoods *less* safe. Additionally, in the context of increased xenophobia, we are witnessing the proliferation of policies that virtually *incentivize* abusive detentions without probable cause. This is a fundamental erosion of due process and as such affects us all. And when local police become de facto border police, our neighborhoods become de facto border zones: characterized by insecurity, intolerance, and fear. These policies use the language of "security" and "community" but actually create insecurity, further destabilize the conditions of people's lives, increase conflict and aggression, undermine and destroy communal support systems and attack our neighborhoods.

## **Our solutions, our demands - for starters:**

1. An immediate end to the collaboration between local police and ICE. Local councils can pass resolutions to prohibit this kind of collaboration, as in the example of the 1-sentence resolution recently passed by the Washington DC district council “to prohibit the District of Columbia to transmit arrest data to the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)”. Local councils can also request that police chiefs refuse to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with ICE or terminate it if the program is already in place.
2. Immediate Moratorium on deportations – a broken system should not be enforced, a lie should not be amplified. We demand a moratorium on deportations as a first step for working together to find solutions to our social, economic and political problems. New approaches to the realities of the globalization of capital and labor cannot be found while millions of people live in permanent terror.
3. Immediate legalization of undocumented immigrants. Not some, all. Legalization cannot wait until a just and comprehensive immigration reform can be discussed nationally, but is a precondition for it. As part of this commitment, we stand with the undocumented youth in their inspiring campaign for the passage of a DREAM Act in its most broad, accessible and unrestricted formulation.
4. Public finding of multicultural education, social institutions and public infrastructures – because the myth of monoculture is not sustainable! We demand the full participation of all people in civic life through multilingual governance at all levels. English-only ordinances are meant to disenfranchise people by promoting the myth of a pure American culture under threat of contagion. English-only is also a way nativists with political ambitions score political points, masking self-interest as patriotism and praying on the fears of people during hard economic times.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

1. Whatever your community is facing, ask: are immigrants really the root cause of the problem?
2. Contact your local elected officials, demand a resolution prohibiting local police and ICE collaboration. A copy of this resolution is available on our website.
3. Advocate for inclusivity in your community; a truly safe community is one that is safe and welcoming for all! Participate in communal networks of mutual aid. Find 3 concrete ways in which you can provide sanctuary to the scapegoated. Protect the places you cherish – the parks, schools, streets, your home – by making them welcoming and communal spaces. Demilitarize your neighborhood.
4. Stay connected through our [website](#) and [facebook page](#). Contribute ideas and actions, become involved with us and/or start your own local group.

# Freedom Riders! Immigrants' Caravan Against Deportations

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*Moratorium on Deportations Campaign (MDC) is a group founded to create a space for individuals and organizations to discuss perspectives, share information and coordinate efforts in their fight to get from President Obama an Executive Order for a Moratorium on Deportations. We demand a moratorium on deportations now, but only as a first step for a just and humane immigration system, one which does not know of deportations, detention centers and such. For more information visit:*

<http://moratoriumondeportations.org/>

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## **Notice for All Riders**

*THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AND WELCOME!*

### **Notice for All Riders in the Freedom Riders! Immigrants' Caravan Against Deportations**

*What to Bring:*

- **Bike Helmets – we will not ride without them**
- **Sleeping bag/Blanket or mat**
- **Personal items (toiletries, etc)**
- **Refillable water bottles**
- **Biking Emergency Supplies**
- **Snacks**
- **Money (\$\$\$) for your expenses**

**MDC Group and Allies will provide for some meals throughout the trip.**

- Sept 3, Friday night at Naperville, Dinner at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Organized by Immigrant Solidarity DuPage
- Sept 4, Saturday Morning (Breakfast at St. Margaret Mary Parish), Organized by Immigrant Solidarity DuPage
- Sept 4, Saturday Morning (Sacked Lunches), Organized by Immigrant Solidarity Dupage
- Sept 4, Saturday Evening; Nuestra Senora de Monte Carmelo Church, 205 East Jackson Street, Joliet
- Sept 5, Sunday Noon (Lunch will be provided by MDC Group in Homer Glen)
- Sept 5, Sunday Night (Dinner will be provided by MDC and the Justice Mission, Chicago IL)

*MDC will provide water, some biking emergency supplies, emergency kit, some fruits and snacks*

***Please Follow the Lead Captains of the Caravan and all the instructions given throughout the caravan.***

## **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

**By participating on the Freedom Riders! Immigrants' Caravan against Deportations, I agree and give my full consent to the following:**

1. **Identification of Risks.** I understand that participation in any bike ride ("the Activity"), involves risks of serious injury, including permanent disability, death and other losses, both to me and my property. I understand that these injuries and losses might result not only from my actions, but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others inside and outside the Activity.

2. **Assumption of the Risk.** I assume all risks for any injury or loss associated with my participation in the Activity.

3. **Waiver.** I agree to indemnify and hold Freedom Riders: Immigrants' Caravan Against Deportations, MDC Group, their Allies, Actions/event hosts, members, volunteers, and each of them harmless against and from any and all claims, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), costs, damages, losses, accidents, fines, judgments, awards, liabilities, and causes of action that I may now have or that may arise in the future as a result of my participation in the Activity. This waiver and release shall apply to any personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, or assigns who may pursue any legal action or claim on my behalf.

4. **Applicable Law.** This waiver and release is made under and is to be interpreted consistent with laws of the state of Illinois.

5. **Insurance.** I currently have, and agree to maintain throughout the time that I participate, valid and sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities from providing this coverage for me.

6. **State Rules.** Bicycles may ride on all Illinois roads, except where restricted. Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic. Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals. Bicyclists must yield to the right-of-way to each other. Bicyclists should always wear helmets.





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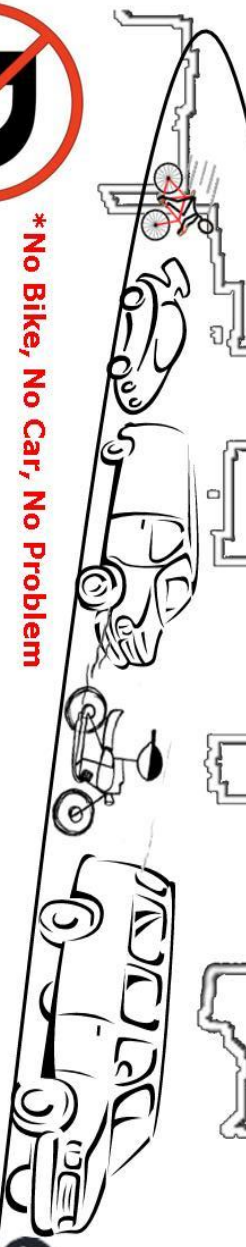
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Grab a bike or car and join the three  
Day freedom ride, or meet up with us  
along the way! We will hold meetings  
and actions in different communities  
surrounding Chicago to confront  
xenophobic legislations, English-Only  
ordinances, Secure Communities,  
Polimigra, 287(g) and passage of the  
Dream Act.

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SEPTEMBER  
3RD-5TH



"LABOR DAY WEEKEND"



\* No Bike, No Car, No Problem

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Rally and Reunion:

Sept 3, Friday @ 3:00-5:00pm.

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