

MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:
 ADDRESSING SAFETY OF IMMIGRANTS IN BAY AREA – REFUGEE ANXIETY
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<p>Greatest Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is building the wall such a priority? • How did the 6 countries that are part of the immigration ban get selected? • What are the actual facts regarding the possible risks posed by immigrants? For example, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How many recent illegal immigrants are from Mexico versus from other countries? ▪ From which countries have terrorists come, versus the 6 that are part of the ban? <p>Article 3 of the UDHR says, “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.”</p>
<p>How this issues affects the health of our community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are scared, fearful of being targeted by immigration officials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic violence victims may not come forward for help ▪ People may not seek needed medical treatment, which not only is harmful to them, but also the greater public ▪ People are not getting benefits that could help them, such as food stamps, causing hunger for young and old • Living in fear can lead to growing despair.
<p>Possible actions to take</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on how to be safe, how to receive services and how to receive legal assistance for immigration issues through high schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students can not only gain important information, they can give this information to their parents and other family members in safety ▪ Connects the schools with other community agencies
<p>Positive results of actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People living in fear would gain sense of security and be able to take part in their community, as well as better manage their lives • Students will be more engaged and knowledgeable about issues affecting their community • There will be greater safety and health for all members of the community.