



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

We are monitoring the various reports of federal agents arriving in the Bay Area to begin immigration actions that may disrupt the sense of safety to our campus community. Please know that your safety and well-being remain our top priorities.

We have no specific knowledge of any actions targeting our campus community or whether agents will be operating in the wider San José area. However, as a proactive strategy, this is an appropriate time to remind our community of several important points:

Under state law, state agencies may not voluntarily admit immigration agents into non-public areas of a workplace. Moreover, the University Police Department (UPD) will not participate in any immigration actions or enforcement on campus.

- UPD will comply fully with **Senate Bill 98 (SB 98)**, a California law requiring schools – including community colleges and universities – to notify the campus community whenever immigration enforcement activity occurs **on campus**.
- If we are made aware of activities involving federal agents on or near campus – as with other law enforcement activity in the area of campus – you will receive notification via text and email.
- If you encounter immigration officials on our campus, immediately contact the University Police Department at (408) 924-2222.
- Please do not engage or interfere with law enforcement.

San José State is a public university, and a large portion of the campus is open to the public. However, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers have limited authority to enter private spaces without a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. UPD will verify the legality of such documents.

If you are approached by immigration officials or federal agents:

- You have the **right to remain silent** and to **decline to show identification** that is not required by law.
- Politely **direct them to the University Police Department**.
- **Contact UPD immediately at (408) 924-2222** or through the **Spartan Safe App**.

We ask everyone to continue supporting one another with empathy and respect. ***Spartans take care of Spartans***. We are here to help. Visit our **SJSU Immigration Resources** for a summary of all resources. Our university is committed to being a welcoming, inclusive place for all members of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Teniente-Matson".

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