

**To All Planning to Join Us at the Indivisible Santa Barbara
“ICE OUT FOR GOOD” Protest and Rally on Saturday January 10,
starting at 10:00 am along Upper State St. Between Hitchcock and Hope**

Thanks for your interest in our ICE OUT FOR GOOD protest this Saturday morning in Santa Barbara. Here is information you need about how to participate in this event.

Commitment to Nonviolence

A core principle behind all Indivisible Santa Barbara events is a commitment to nonviolence. We adhere to this always. It helps keep us safe.

Theme and Purpose of This Event

The murder of Renee Good in Minneapolis this week is an unspeakable tragedy illustrating a grim reality: Trump and MAGA are using militarized terror to seize power and persecute vulnerable people across the globe—from the skies over Venezuela to the streets of Minneapolis, L.A. and—yes—Santa Barbara. The violence waged by U.S. militarized forces at home and abroad is inextricably linked. It is up to us—the people represented by what’s left of our democracy—to end Trump’s fascist effort to deny life and liberty to all but the billionaire elites he serves.

We will gather on Saturday to:

- Mourn the death of Renee Good, and demand that those who sent troops to our streets to terrorize our communities be brought to justice
- Proclaim our inalienable right to peacefully protest, including the right to observe and record the activities of federal and local law enforcement
- Demand an end to local law enforcement cooperation with ICE
- Protest the use of U.S. militarized forces to invade our cities and foreign countries, and to traffic individuals to and from the U.S.

Our Event: The Basics

We will rally and protest **on the sidewalks** along both sides of upper State Street between Hitchcock Way and Hope Street, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our voices and protest signs. If we need the space, we will spread out east of Hitchcock and west of Hope. To the extent possible, we want to form a **single file line** along the sidewalk, so that our appearance is more impressive.

Please follow all instructions from our monitors—they are there for the safety of all of us. Our monitors will be wearing yellow vests, so they’ll be easy to spot.

Our event consists solely of a legal gathering along the public sidewalks of State Street. **We will not hold a march or block streets or driveways.** Any call for a different action, or for action after 12:00 noon, is not a call coming from the organizers of this event.

Additionally, no matter how many activists show up, we need to allow space on the sidewalk for pedestrians to walk freely. We also need to allow plenty of space in the vicinity of busy driveways, so that drivers can enter and exit safely, with an ample view of oncoming State Street traffic.

Our event will end promptly at 12 noon, so that attendees can leave together.

What to Bring

If you can, please bring protest signs in memory of Renee Good, demanding ICE out of our communities, and calling for an end to U.S. militarized violence at home and abroad. We especially recommend posters expressing solidarity with our immigrant communities.

What NOT to Bring

Please do not bring anything illegal to the action. Leave anything that could be considered to be a weapon at home, even if it's legal for you to carry that thing.

Parking

Limited parking is available on the streets near the demonstration. We encourage you to carpool, and to consider taking public transportation. The Santa Barbara 3, 6 and 11 buses run frequently along our State Street route.

Consider parking near State Street east of our location, or State or Hollister west of our location, and taking the bus the rest of the way. For more bus information, see <https://bustracker.sbmttd.gov/bustime/home.jsp>.

Security Considerations

No public event can be made completely secure. But there are standard ways that organizers prepare for an action that we want to share with you:

Commitment to Nonviolence

Once again, a core principle behind all of our ISB events is a strict and unwavering commitment to nonviolence.

IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS

PLEASE, the best way to handle confrontation with people we don't know is to ignore them. That's because they are usually looking to get into it with someone, and we can't give

them that opening. This can be difficult because our first instinct is often to say something dismissive or to yell back -- but that only escalates the situation, which places all of us at risk.

General Principles for De-escalating Situations

In the unlikely event that someone acts aggressively towards us, here are some ways you can handle the situation:

- If an incident starts, have someone alert one of the monitors in a yellow vest to the situation, who will be stationed all along the State Street demonstration.
- Always act from a place of de-escalation and non-engagement with folks you don't know.
- As much as you can, ignore anyone who is hassling us.
- If someone is acting in a threatening manner or has escalated to physical engagement, step back, pull out your phone, call 911 and report an escalating situation at the demonstration. (The SB police have asked us to do this.)
- You or a fellow activist may want to record an escalating incident on your phone from a safe distance, but make sure someone also alerts the monitors in the yellow vests about the situation.

Thanks for reading all the way to the end -- we appreciate your dedication to preparedness!

Looking forward to seeing you at the event on Saturday morning.