



*The Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley are in support of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, First-District, and local community leaders regarding the use of the Pomona Fairplex as a temporary facility to house unaccompanied minors crossing the U.S. Border. This is a humanitarian crisis that we believe needs to be addressed with compassion and the utmost care and respect and with the wellbeing of the children in mind.*

*As an organization, the Latino and Latina Roundtable and the board are committed to ensuring that the highest quality of care is provided for these young people and that everything is done to reunite them with their parents and relatives as soon as possible. Our communities are still being impacted by the COVID pandemic. We want to ensure that these unaccompanied minors are not held for long periods of time, since the threat of transmission is still a reality we cannot ignore. We also urge both state and federal funding to support all physical and mental health services needed for the humane treatment of these unaccompanied minors, but also for the purposes of joining them with family members. We want very much for these children to have the right to receive the opportunity to have fair and full consideration of their legal status.*

*We fully agree with Supervisor Solis's statement that these "unaccompanied minors are escaping gang violence, poverty, persecution, and challenges that no young persons should endure" and we commit ourselves, not only to work on these short-term humane solutions but to work to change the conditions in the long-term – here and abroad – which are forcing these unaccompanied minors to risk their lives to be here.*

*We are standing with the decision that Pomona has a strong community where people value the lives of immigrants and want the best for unaccompanied minors who are trying to be reunited with their families.*

*All immigrants and unaccompanied minors are welcomed to the City of Pomona.*

*The statements are made by members of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley*