

# Immigration Committee Update -- April 18th



The Immigration Committee marching at No Kings 3 in Camden on March 28th. Thank you, Creative Team, for the butterflies -- and thank you to all who continue to stand up for Democracy and *against* fascism.

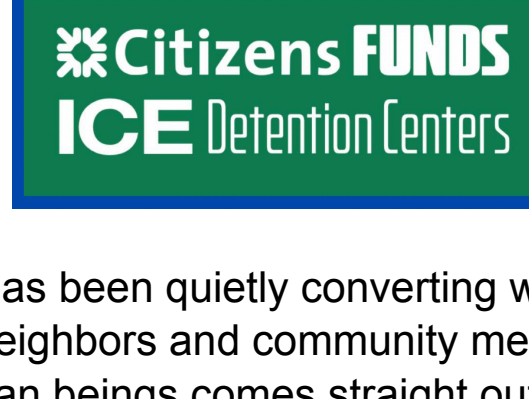
## Learn How to Accompany Our Immigrant Friends to ICE Check-Ins and Court Hearings

Join the Immigration Committee for an in-person accompaniment training provided by John Curry, the Board President of First Friends NYNJ. John helped create the accompaniment program and will lead us through how to provide support when accompanying someone to an ICE check-in or to a court hearing.

The training will also include how to stay safe when dealing with those federal authorities. This event will be held at the Collingswood Library on April 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

[Sign Up for the Accompaniment Training on 4/12 from 6:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.](#)

## Citizens Against Citizens Bank: Communities Not Cages



The Department of Homeland Security has been quietly converting warehouses into industrial detention camps to hold and disappear our immigrant neighbors and community members. The decision to target vulnerable groups and warehouse human beings comes straight out of the authoritarian playbook.

Trump's mass detention agenda is cruel, inhumane, and a threat to all of our rights -- and Indivisible is fighting back.

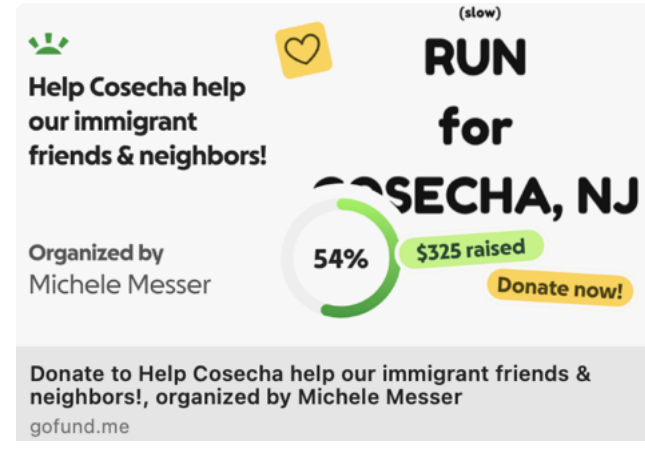
**On April 25, we're joining with coalition leaders from the Detention Watch Network and Disappeared in America for a nationwide day of action -- and we need your help to make it as big and successful as possible.**

New Jersey has several potential locations on the list for immigrant detention centers, including locations in Burlington and Gloucester counties. You can keep that from happening!

Join Cooper River Indivisible and the Brass Uprising Band at Citizens Bank on Route 70 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 25th. Say no to detention centers, and tell Citizens Bank to stop funding them. History proves pressuring institutions works. Help make history!

[SIGN UP TO ATTEND CRI's COMMUNITIES NOT CAGES NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION ON APRIL 25TH](#)

## Michele and Jay are on the Run for Cosecha



Cosecha, NJ has been a close partner and mentor organization to Cooper River Indivisible's immigration committee. By donating to Michele and Jay's Run for Cosecha, you are not only supporting our own members' efforts; importantly, you will be helping Cosecha continue to the important work it does on behalf of our immigrant friends and neighbors.

[Donate to Run for Cosecha Here!](#)

## A Win for Camden County: ICE Can't Organize on County Property



On Thursday, April 16th, Cooper River Indivisible, SJ Voters Want More Say, SJ Progressive Democrats, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Cherry Hill's Immigration team, attended the county commissioners meeting to show support for a resolution that prohibits ICE from using County property as staging areas. Special thanks to Tooba and Denise of CRI's Policy and Legislation team for lobbying for this resolution -- and to Marie for organizing a county-wide petition to present to the commissioners.

Camden County Commissioners passed a 7-0 resolution banning U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents from accessing county-owned or leased property—including parks, the correctional facility, and administrative buildings—without a judicial warrant. The measure, citing safety and community trust, aims to prevent ICE from using local infrastructure for civil immigration arrests (Courier Post 4/17).

## May Day 2026 Workers over Billionaires



No doubt about it. The billionaires are doing better than ever under the Trump administration. Join us in this nationwide "Workers Over Billionaires" march. Cooper River Indivisible is joining Indivisible One New Jersey, NJEA, and other sister organizations for this march. The rough plan is that we will meet in Camden at 2:30 p.m., and then march across the bridge to Philly to join the massive "Workers Over Billionaires" rally at City Hall. Stay tuned in to Mobilize for details -- and watch for potential carpool.

[Sign Up Here for the May Day "Workers Over Billionaires" March](#)

## Mutual Aid Update

The general membership's response to the Mutual Aid Team's call for donations of food and household items has been overwhelming since first published in the fall of 2025! As federal SNAP benefits were set to expire, we delivered approximately 2000 pounds of food to the South Jersey Food Bank in November and December.

Once ICE activity ramped up in South Jersey in the new year, we began getting referrals for local families with desperate needs. Our regular, on-going donation drives at meetings, as well as the individual efforts of many CRI members who have held drives of their own amongst family and friends have helped make a meaningful impact on the lives of many immigrant families in our communities.

Our Mutual Aid Team has been delivering food and other support items on a bi-weekly basis to over 30 families, several area food pantries, and three very worthwhile Camden organizations. We would like to be able to say that we see a decreasing need for mutual aid donations, however, on the contrary, we have recently added to our distribution list of families in need.

If you decide to support CRI's Mutual Aid Team, there is a list of items we accept, and we recently highlighted the need level of the items: <https://crinj.org/emergency-collections-for-families-in-need/>

On behalf of Cooper River Indivisible's Immigration Committee, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way for your generous support of our Mutual Aid mission.

## Unity in Action: Politics and Coffee Talk

### BREWING IDEAS TOGETHER

Join us for conversation, community, and fresh ideas. Coffee and Politics Talk is the perfect space to connect with like-minded people, exchange experiences, and enjoy a cup of java together.

Location: Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

[RSVP Here for Politics and Coffee Talk on April 24th](#)

## Spanish Class!



Join this fun Spanish class! Build your language skills while developing the confidence needed to communicate with and advocate for our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Beginners and all levels of Spanish are welcome.

Thursday April 9th, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Voorhees library in meeting room A.

[RSVP here for our next drop-in Spanish Class on Thursday, May 7th.](#)

## Spanish Conversation Club

Join us for a fun and relaxed gathering where we practice speaking Spanish in a supportive, judgment-free environment! Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent speaker, this club is about building confidence, improving fluency, and connecting with others who share a love for the language.

What to expect: Casual conversation practice in small groups, themed prompts to spark discussion, and cultural tidbits from Spanish-speaking countries.

[RSVP for Spanish Conversation Club on April 24th](#)



1. Would you like to make an immediate difference in our community? Do you want our students and their families to feel safer from ICE on their way to school? Join our school patrol! The school patrol is a group of volunteer drivers who patrol specific school routes in Camden and Lindenwold at the beginning and the end of the school day. Our goal is to increase our volunteer list so folks only have to commit to one or two patrols a week, while providing a better sense of safety to students. Training provided.

2. Join the Delaney Hall Ride Share: Several weekends a month, CRI volunteers provide transport from South or Central Jersey to families who want to visit their loved ones in Delaney Hall but are unable to do so due to a lack of transportation.

This is a very rewarding experience and an opportunity to better understand what people with detained loved ones are going through. Joining the Delaney Hall Ride Share does not commit you to driving.

This is the way it works: each week we send out a list of dates and times drivers are needed to our list of volunteers, and if people are able to drive, they do so. Our goal is to grow this list of volunteers so that families can continue to visit their loved ones, and the responsibilities are shared among many, rather than a few. Training is provided.

[If you are interested in learning more about either one of these important volunteer opportunities, please email Gretchen or Michele at immigration@crinj.org.](#)

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Officer: I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you can slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

**IF YOU SEE ICE... Spread info, not fear!**

Identify the ICE time, exact location, and 3 take a photo or video of what you are seeing. Send it to Movimiento Cosecha or call your local rapid response hotline.

Report ICE sightings & learn how to respond at Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit below

Call DIRE's Rapid Response HOTLINE (1-888-347-3767)

or reach us on social media @Radio\_Cosecha @cosechanj

**DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST ICE**

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK AT HOME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Scan this link for Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit of legal, organizing, & community resources.

Keep yourself updated on Movimiento Cosecha on social media. @cosechanj @radio\_cosecha

[Click here to download and share this "If You See ICE" flyer in English and Spanish.](#)

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