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Local Protest Says Drop the Charges on Alejandro Orellana and Stop Deportations and ICE Raids

What: Local protest to demand federal charges be dropped on Alejandro Orellana, protester against ICE raids on undocumented immigrants in Los Angeles
When: **INSERT DATE AND TIME OF EVENT**Where: **INSERT LOCATION AND ADDRESS**

On June 27, Alejandro Orellana, an immigrants rights activist and leader in Centro Community Service Organization, of East Los Angeles, will have his preliminary hearing and first court appearance. **INSERT ORG** will be hosting a protest to demand that the charges be dropped at **INSERT LOCATION** at **INSERT TIME and DATE.**

Orellana was raided and arrested on June 12 in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, following his public participation in protests against ICE. FBI agents seized his electronic property, arrested him, and took him into federal custody. It took a press conference and protest before he was released the next day. He is now facing the bogus charge of one count of conspiracy to commit civil disorder, which carries up to five years in prison.

The Committee to Stop FBI Repression is calling on organizations across the US to join a national day of action on June 27 and demand that the charges be dropped at once. Organizations, national and local, are releasing statements of support for Alejandro Orellana and supporters will call into the US attorney’s office to voice this demand.

Orellana has done nothing wrong. We believe that protesting ICE raids and deportations is not a crime. Orellana has been a leading member of the Chicano-led organization Centro Community Service Organization, or Centro CSO, for over 10 years. He has been public and forthright in organizing against ICE raids and the Trump administrations. His activism and visible resistance to Trump and ICE serves as a model and inspiration for us all.

It is for this reason and no other that he is being targeted. To protect our First Amendment rights, our freedom of speech, and our right to say no to the ICE operations and the Trump administration, we believe it is critical to defend Alejandro Orellana.

Reach **INSERT MEDIA CONTACT** at **PHONE NUMBER** and **EMAIL ADDRESS** for more information. You can read more about Orellana’s case on [www.stopfbi.org](http://www.stopfbi.org/).