

DURHAM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RESOLUTION

February 2016 Statement on ICE Raids

The Durham Human Relations Commission is very concerned by the targeting of Durham immigrant youth by immigration authorities. We have learned of one young man being arrested on his way to school. Like many others, he came to the United States fleeing gang violence. If these young people are deported, this would go against our humanitarian principles and place their lives in grave danger. These young people are low priority for deportation, and for that reason, we would urge that they be granted favorable exercise of prosecutorial discretion. Please don't separate these immigrant youth from their families and the Durham community. We, the Durham Human Relations Commission urge suspension of ICE raids in our local community and for the release of currently detained Durham youth. It has generated enormous fear among our immigrant and Latino community and has also disrupted their school attendance. We, the Durham Human Relations Commission value every member of the community