

Who is funding the anti-ICE activists in LA?

KNOWN ORGANIZERS & FUNDERS OF NATIONWIDE PROTESTS

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Did You Know?

- ➔ The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was one of the activist organizations at the center of the Los Angeles protests. CHIRLA has received millions in taxpayer dollars through government grants.
- ➔ David Huerta, the head of SEIU California, was arrested after sitting in front of a vehicle gate and encouraging protesters to help “stop the vehicles.” The union organized rallies in multiple cities in response to Huerta’s arrest.
- ➔ The Party for Socialism and Liberation, a group with documented ties to the Chinese Communist Party, is at the forefront of protesting ICE. The group is organizing protests across the country and has encouraged the intimidation of federal agents.
- ➔ A nonprofit called Operation Healthy Hearts assembled and distributed packs that included goggles, facemasks, gloves, and a phone number for “jail support.” The packs were labeled “Fuck ICE PPE Kits.”



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Executive Summary

On June 6, 2025, protests erupted in Los Angeles against the enforcement of immigration laws by ICE. These protests quickly spiraled into riots and spread across the country to other major cities including New York, Chicago, and Atlanta. On June 7, President Trump signed a memorandum to deploy 2,000 members of the California National Guard to help maintain order.

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) is an activist organization at the center of the protests in Los Angeles, though they have denied any involvement in the violent riots. CHIRLA is a 501(c)(3) legal services provider helping illegal immigrants, and received \$34 million in government grants in 2023 and \$12.4 million in 2022. A DHS spokeswoman noted that the Trump administration cut off CHIRLA's federal funding in March 2025. CHIRLA also solicits donations online through ActBlue, the Democratic Party's primary fundraising platform.

The San Francisco-headquartered Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) is another group at the forefront of the protests and riots. On June 7, 2025, PSL Los Angeles called for a mass mobilization to get "ICE out of LA." PSL's finances are opaque because it's not a registered nonprofit. PSL receives indirect support through the Justice and Education Fund, which has received over \$20 million from Neville Roy Singham, whose network is linked to pro-China affiliations.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was involved and the California chapter president David Huerta, participated directly in June 2025 demonstrations. The union organized rallies in response to his arrest during the protests. There's no evidence that SEIU directly funded any of the rioting.

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Federal Agencies, the IRS and FBI, have begun investigating the organizations funding the riots in Los Angeles. A House committee and a Senate subcommittee are also investigating groups that have allegedly funded the protests and have requested that those groups preserve communications and documents.

Los Angeles Protests & Riots

On June 6, 2025, [ICE](#) began making large scale arrests of suspected illegal immigrants. Large scale protests quickly developed and hundreds of the [protesters turned rioters](#) clashed with police. Hundreds of people were at the federal detention center where they [vandalized](#) the building and hurled chairs, rocks and other objects at officers. The next day, President Trump [ordered 2,000 National Guard and Marine Corps](#) troops to help restore order. [The protests continued](#) into the next week.

- Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies were [attacked](#) with broken cinder blocks, rocks, bottles, and pepper spray.

- Law enforcement officials noted that the second day of the protests and rioting were more [organized](#) with caravans of cars arriving and that people came in masks, dressed in black, and with some bringing materials to break concrete barriers that were then thrown at police officers.
- Mayor Karen Bass imposed a curfew in the downtown area. Even she [admitted](#) that the demonstrations had resulted in “significant” violence and vandalism.
- In the days after President Trump’s re-election, Los Angeles passed an ordinance to formally establish the city as a [sanctuary zone](#), to limit the extent to which local law enforcement could assist in federal immigration enforcement.

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- CHIRLA was [reportedly](#) one of the key organizers of the protests in Los Angeles.
- In 2023, CHIRLA [received](#) \$34 million in government grants and \$12.4 million in 2022. The Trump administration cut off the group’s federal funding in March.
- CHIRLA [claimed](#) it was not involved in any of the riot-related violence and that they had only organized a press event and deployed legal observers.
- The group [launched](#) the Los Angeles Rapid Response Network to alert organizers to ICE activity in the region.
- CHIRLA [uses](#) ActBlue, the Democratic Party’s primary fundraising platform, to collect donations.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

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- The union [organized](#) rallies in multiple cities in response to Huerta’s arrest.
- There’s no evidence of [direct](#) financial support for the riot activities.

Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL)

The Party for Socialism and Liberation, a group with documented ties to the Chinese Communist Party, is at the [forefront](#) of protesting ICE. The group is organizing protests [across](#) the country and has encouraged the intimidation of federal agents.

- PSL [called](#) for a mass mobilization in front of city hall and called for their protesters to get “ICE Out of LA.”

- The Network Contagion Research Institute has [highlighted](#) how the group has been funded by Shanghai-based businessman Neville Roy Singham, who is known for backing CCP connected groups and echoing Chinese propaganda.
- Elias Rodriguez, accused of killing two Israeli Embassy employees in Washington D.C. in 2025 was previously [associated](#) with PSL.

Operation Healthy Hearts

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- Operation Healthy Hearts [organizes](#) food drives for the homeless, but has also denounced law enforcement and has a long history of sharing left-wing messaging on social media.
- The group [received](#) nonprofit status in September 2024.

Hundreds Have Already Been Arrested As Protests Spread Across The Country

Ove the last week, protests took place in over [two dozen cities](#) across the country. While hundreds of people have been [arrested](#), there was far less chaos than the scenes in Los Angeles.

- [Protests](#) were held in dozens of cities including San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Washington D.C. There were brief clashes between protesters and law enforcement, but not at the scale of Los Angeles.
- On June 12, 2025, [protesters](#) pushed against the gates of an immigration detention center in Newark, New Jersey. Law enforcement needed to use pepper spray to break up the protest.
- On June 11, 2025, over 30 people were [arrested](#) after a protest outside and ICE office in Spokane, Washington.

Investigations Into Organizations Funding The LA Riots

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- The IRS has begun an [investigation](#) that is looking into dozens of nonprofits and organizations that have been connected to the protests in Los Angeles.
 - The FBI announced it was [investigating](#) the source of funding for the rioters in Los Angeles.
- On June 11, 2025, Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) sent letters to CHIRLA and PSL notifying them that the Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism was [investigating](#) their groups for allegedly financing and materially supporting coordinating protests and riots in Los Angeles. He requested that they preserve documents and communications.
 - The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform announced it was [investigating](#) the financial and political activities of billionaire Neville Singham, who is allegedly a financial backer of PSL.