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### National Campaign & Caravan for Migrant Children Launches on First Day of New Administration

**San Francisco, California** – On Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11am at Dolores Park, the **Caravan for the Children** campaign will be launched – a national six-month effort to demand the **release, reunification** and **healing** of migrant children still being held in ICE detention centers across the country as a result of

the *Zero Tolerance* policy. Organizers also seek to hold the incoming Biden/Harris administration accountable to the promises outlined in the *Biden Immigration Plan*.

Enacted by the Trump administration in April of 2018, the *Zero Tolerance* policy separated over 5,400 migrant children from their parents while in the custody of ICE agents. Many parents were deported without due process and without their children. There are still over 600 children that remain separated from their parents. The policy has been deemed as “*torture*” by Physicians for Human Rights, a group of medical and human rights experts and has been named one of the darkest chapters in the history of our nation.

*“We cannot, we will not, stop until we see the children freed and reunited with their families. We need immediate Executive action followed by Legislative action to ensure migrant inclusion and justice.”* expressed Olga Talamante of the Chicana Latina Foundation.

The **Caravan for the Children** campaign demands for the new administration within the first 100 days are the following:

- **UNCAGE:** prioritize finding and releasing detained migrant children
- **REUNIFY:** children with their families
- **HEAL:** support and funding for the families to heal from this trauma

The six-month campaign is spearheaded by a coalition of well-established San Francisco/Bay Area artists, advocates and community-based organizations that are volunteering time, resources and talents to this effort. Anchor organizations are CARECEN SF, The Chicana Latina Foundation, Galería de la Raza, Instituto Familiar de la Raza and Latinx Racial Equity Project.

The goals for the **Caravan for the Children** campaign are:

- Raise awareness of the impact of *Zero Tolerance* and its traumatic effects on migrant children and their parents
- Call on local officials to put pressure on the Federal Government to free the children
- Send a message of support to the migrant children and their families
- Activate national networks of immigration advocates and allies in support of the children

The **Caravan for the Children** campaign will kick-off with its first action on **Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11am in San Francisco's Dolores Park** with a ceremony by organizers, SF officials, artists and activists. The ceremony will be followed by a peaceful car caravan from Dolores Park to the Phillip Burton Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco. The entire event will be broadcasted Live on Facebook and YouTube (<https://fb.me/e/dlZgldvAk>).

## DETAILS OF EVENTS

### WHAT:

#### **Caravan for the Children - Uncage, Unify & Heal**

Ceremony and Peaceful Car Caravan

### WHEN:

Thursday, January 21, 2021

11am

### WHERE:

#### **Ceremony at Dolores Park**

Speakers to include Native speaker, Danza Xitlalli, Olga Talamante (Chichana Latina Foundation), Shaman Walton (President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors), Gabriela Lopez (President, San Francisco School Board), Vanessa Velasco (CARECEN SF), and others.

#### **Peaceful Car Caravan** (After Ceremony)

**Virtual Ceremony and Peaceful Car Caravan:** <https://fb.me/e/dlZgldvAk>

**Radio Live Broadcast:** 100.1 FM

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