

# INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Tab 9 – 2025 Committee Member Reports

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These reports may be outside the Committee's scope and are intended as informational updates.

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## 1. "Know Your Rights" Resources

- This is a safety/privacy reminder aimed at people who:
  - Travel by airplane, especially internationally or near borders.
  - Could be subject to extra scrutiny from airport security or customs officers, who in some cases may ask to search devices.
  - Be mindful of what's stored on personal devices.

## 2. Caution with Phones and Laptops When Traveling

- People—especially those who might be vulnerable—need information about their legal rights, particularly in situations involving law enforcement or immigration officers.

## 3. What to Do If Approached by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)

- This focuses on preparing citizens—and especially immigrants or mixed-status families—for a possible encounter with ICE.
- Agents generally need a warrant signed by a judge to enter a private home
- Don't run, stay calm, ask to see a warrant

## 4. Why This is Needed

- Escalating tensions in the community, possibly due to immigration enforcement, profiling, or targeted surveillance.
- Specific concern for farm workers and Indigenous communities, who are often:
  - Less likely to have access to legal resources.
  - At higher risk of exploitation or abuse.
  - More vulnerable to being targeted due to language barriers, lack of documentation, or systemic discrimination.

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## **TRANSIT TRAVEL TIDBIT:**

- **Two-Wheels** are better than four when cruising packed Southeast Asian cities. And parking is easy---motorbikes line up on sidewalks. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) has a population of 9 million people and 8 million motorbikes---the dominant transportation mode, often carrying two (three if child) passengers and goods.
- **Tuk Tuks** are beloved three-wheeled motorized rickshaws, common in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and gaining popularity elsewhere. Named for its engine sound, Tuk Tuks are cultural symbols, offering affordable/ efficient door-to-door service and jobs/ income for many families.





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- **New Siem Reap- Angkor International Airport (Cambodia)** is a cooperation between Cambodia and China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Currently, the airport is underutilized, as tourism waned post- pandemic. As the gateway to the treasured Angkor Wat Temples, Siem Reap does warrant a great airport, striving for 7.5 million international tourists by 2035.
- **High-Speed Rail Station (Luang Prabang, Laos)** Called the New Silk Road, the Belt and Road Initiative is China's massive infrastructure program, which aims to connect the globe with road/ maritime projects. The Luang Prabang Station is part of the Boten-Vientiane Railway, linking Laos, Thailand, and China. Albeit political, China has a trade/ economic vision, which is real. The U.S.A. needs a transportation vision too---to compete globally.

