

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM PETITION ORGANIZERS TO THE STATEMENT FROM SSSCORP

After more than a year of relentless effort on the part of petition organizers and advocates, we are pleased to read the statement released by the SSSCorp on Aug. 21, 2019, regarding decisions the board has made about Akal Security's involvement with ICE.

While we remain troubled by any ongoing connection between our community and human detention, we acknowledge the meaningful action steps outlined in the statement.

We know there are many factors, organizations, and viewpoints for the board to consider in its decision-making process and acknowledge the thought and consciousness that went into what we believe is the first major step in repairing our integrity as a spiritual community. We view the action by the SSSCorp as a breakthrough toward

- Open communication and decisive action from leadership in the Kundalini Yoga community
- Clarity re: the financial relationship between Akal Security and SSSCorp's non-profit entities
- Explicitly prohibiting any organization under SSSCorp to enter future contracts with ICE

While the statement asserts that the Krome facility is not directly linked to the inhumane conditions and crisis at the border, *we believe maintaining any link to ICE keeps us complicit in the injustice of the prison-industrial complex and family separation.* We continue to pursue the goals of our petition, which state:

- For SSSCorp and Akal Security to immediately divest from all ICE contracts and subcontracts
- For SSSCorp to establish a system of full transparency by which members of the community can evaluate our funding sources

Let us continue to seek change from a place of compassion, trust, and consciousness in the light of Guru Ram Das. Our desire to be fully divested from ICE contracts and subcontracts includes an awareness that profiting from and upholding this system, which disproportionately affects our Black, Brown, Indigenous, and trans siblings, is not aligned with our Aquarian Age principles of inclusion and upliftment.

Signed,
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