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Electeds and Community Leaders Demand Return of DACA Recipient and Natomas Mom

Sacramento, CA – Today, elected officials, community-based leaders, and faith leaders gathered outside the John E. Moss Federal Building to demand Maria de Jesus Estrada Jaurez be returned home.

Last week, Maria and her daughter, Damaris, went in for what they believed to be a routine appointment. Maria was in the process of applying for her green card and is a DACA recipient. Instead, Maria was detained and deported the next day.

“What has happened to Maria, a Natomas resident, mother, and motel property manager, is unjust and illegal. What is happening to Maria and others is unconstitutional and un-American,” said **City of Sacramento Vice Mayor Karina Talamantes**.

“We are asking for a fair review of Maria Estrada’s case, transparency about what happened, and the opportunity for her to pursue justice and reunite with her family,” said **Demaris Bello, Maria’s daughter, via a written statement**.

Demaris’ cousin, **Janet Gallegos Perez**, attended with photos of her and Maria.

“Maria Estrada was arrested and deported while doing exactly what was asked of her by the government. She followed the law and contributed to the Sacramento community for more than two decades. The federal government failed to keep its promise to her and other members of our immigrant community, that if you do the right thing, you will be protected. Maria was taken from her family and her community illegally and should be returned home, where she belongs,” said **Senate Majority Leader Angelique Ashby**.

“We will continue to call out as a community for Maria to come home, and we will continue to say, no more people deserve to be treated this way, not in Sacramento, not in America,” said **Assemblymember Maggie Krell**, who has filed a [lawsuit](#) over arrests at federal immigration courts.

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