



REGION V NEWSLETTER

February 2025 Edition



ACTIVE COLLEGES & DELEGATES

Bakersfield College - *Elise Miller*

Cerro Coso Community College - *Garrett Wilkinson*

Clovis Community College - *Gabrielle Yeager*

Coalinga College - *Kaylee Bayer*

College of the Sequoias - *Rheanna Gallegos*

Fresno City College - *David Ball*

Lemoore College - *Theresa Steele*

Madera Community College - *Mia Aguilar*

Merced College - *Alexander Salazar*

Porterville College - *Itzel Vargas*

Reedley College - *Joseph Cruz*

Taft College - *Luz Robles*

To verify a delegate, please fill this form:
[SSCCC Region Delegate Verification](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

Advocacy Day

March 4, 2025

Sacramento, CA

General Assembly Registration

February 17 - March 24, 2025

General Assembly

April 4-6, 2025

Los Angeles, California

LETTER FROM THE RAD



Hello Region V,

I hope this message finds you well! Many of you are approaching your final semester before graduation, and what an exciting milestone this is in your academic journey! Huge congratulations on reaching this point! Let's make this semester one to remember together!

The next few months will be busy for us as student leaders with events like Advocacy Day, the General Assembly, the a2mend Conference, and the ASACC Conference in Washington, DC. These are great opportunities to get involved, and we're excited to experience them together!

As we embrace these opportunities, we must not overlook our challenges, especially given the current political climate. The decisions made by the current administration have had a profound impact on our communities—both locally in the Valley and across the nation. In such times, leaders like you must step up and rise to the occasion.

You may not solve all the world's problems, but you can make a meaningful difference. Focus on what you can control—engage with peers, advocate for those in need, and use your leadership to challenge the status quo. Speak up, connect with administrators, and ensure your voice is heard for a campus where everyone belongs and education is free from discrimination and hate.

Though the challenges ahead may feel overwhelming at times, remember that your voice, actions, and commitment to positive change are critical in shaping the future of our communities.

As always, if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at radregionv@ssccc.org. I am here to support you however I can, and I look forward to connecting with you in various spaces throughout the semester.

Sincerely,

Jerry Reyes

Regional Affairs Director

REGIONAL AFFAIRS



SSCCC Attends CCLC Legislative Conference

SSCCC members, including Region V's RAD Reyes and LAD White, attended the CCLC Legislative Conference in Sacramento. They engaged in discussions on the future of higher education and community college students' needs. RAD Reyes and President Hernandez participated in a student panel highlighting the importance of addressing academic challenges, basic needs, and federal policy uncertainty.

COS hosts Region Meeting

Region V's January Delegate Assembly at College of the Sequoias kicked off with an exciting campus tour! The meeting covered key topics like sponsoring resolutions, advocating for undocumented students, and a special election for Communications Officer. Members also discussed upcoming events and funding opportunities, making it a productive and engaging gathering.

Check out our Instagram tour reel [here!](#)



SSCCC Board of Directors Meeting

The BoD traveled to Region VIII for their February BoD weekend. Thank you to the students of Santiago Canyon College for hosting them, as well as the other Region VIII SBAs who engaged with the Board. During the weekend, the Board discussed sponsoring resolutions for General Assembly, taking a stance in support of undocumented students, approving bills to sponsor or cosponsor, and, most excitingly, revising the Brown Act to provide more flexibility and better protection for students.

✦ Celebrating ✦
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is an annual celebration in February that honors the achievements, history, and contributions of Black individuals and communities. We have celebrated Black History Month since 1976, recognizing the powerful people who have impacted our communities and made a difference in our history. It's a time to reflect on the legacy of advocates like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Frederick Douglass, who fought against segregation and dismantled the barriers thrown at them. We also acknowledge modern trailblazers like President Barack Obama, who set standards that show anyone can achieve anything, and Jackie Robinson, who proved that you can play the game, even when told otherwise. Black History Month is not only a time to celebrate these remarkable individuals, but to remember that Black history is an essential part of American history, shaping the values, culture, and progress of our nation.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

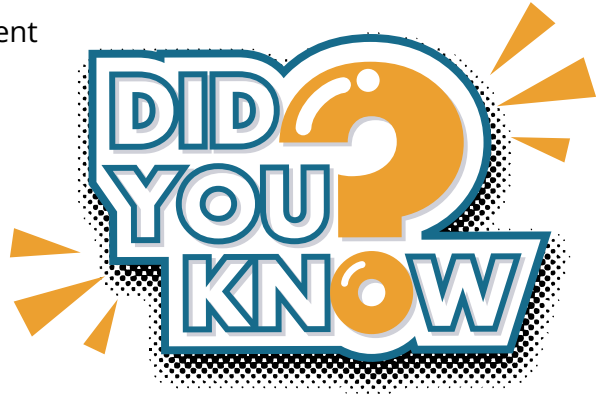
BE INFORMED AND PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

What is the California Values Act?

The California Values Act ([SB 54](#)) prohibits local law enforcement from using its resources for immigration enforcement, with limited exceptions.

Local law enforcement cannot:

- Ask about your immigration status
- Share personal information (like your address) with ICE
- Provide office space solely for ICE use
- Make arrests based on civil immigration warrants
- Act as ICE officers
- Use immigration officers as interpreters in investigations



YOU HAVE RIGHTS

- Do NOT open your door without a signed search warrant or your consent
- Ask to see the warrant and check for a court signature
- Do NOT resist physically, but say, "I do not consent to your entry."
- Request a lawyer and remain silent
- Do not sign anything you don't understand.
- Get an attorney to explore options if detained
- Report raids or checkpoints (use Rapid Response numbers)
- Document the encounter (photos, videos, badge numbers)

LOCAL RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINES

The following hotline numbers are for local rapid response networks and are intended for EMERGENCIES ONLY to report ICE activity and enforcement actions.

- Kern County Rapid Response Network: 661-432-2230
- Valley Watch Rapid Response Network (Fresno, San Joaquin, Merced, Stanislaus, and Kern Counties): 559-206-0151
- Services, Immigration Rights and Education Network (SIREN) Rapid Response Text Platform:
 - Community members: (201) 468-6088
 - Allies: (918) 609-4480

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

- [ACLU - aclu.org](#)
- [ACLU Northern California - aclunc.org](#)
- [United We Dream \(UWD\) - unitedwedream.org](#)
- [iAmerica \(Know Your Rights Card\) - iameric.org](#)
- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center - ilrc.org](#)
- [California Community Colleges Chancellors Office - cccco.org](#)



OPPORTUNITIES

GET INVOLVED!



ADVOCACY DAY

Region V is excited to participate in the annual Advocacy Day in Sacramento on March 4th, 2025! This all-day event brings students from across the state to the Capitol to advocate for California community college students through legislative visits and the afternoon march. While the RSVP form for legislative visits has closed, you can still join the march, starting at 2pm at Southside Park, Sacramento, and marching to the steps of the State Capitol. See you there!



2025-26 SSCCC Board Officer Elections

The SSCCC is seeking passionate leaders for Board Officer positions for the 2025-26 term! Elections will be held during the General Assembly in Los Angeles on April 4-6, 2025. Regional Officer Elections will also take place—get involved and make a difference!

Elections timeline:

- **February 24, 2025** - Intent to Run Application is due
- **February 28, 2025** - Notified of Eligibility
- **March 10, 2025** - Candidate Statements are due
- **March 17, 2025** - Candidate Statements posted online
- **April 4, 2025** - Mandatory Candidate Forum
- **April 6, 2025** - Elections at General Assembly

