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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CLRJ RESPONDS CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO DEPORTATIONS OF BLACK MIGRANTS.**

California (September 23, 2021) - It is with deep sorrow and anger that we bear witness once again to our country turning its back and inflicting violence on those who are most vulnerable. The swift and targeted deportation and inhumane treatment of Haitian migrants seeking asylum is rooted in this country's on-going racist, anti-Black, imperialist, and white supremacist project.

The Biden administration's use of Title 42<sup>1</sup> continues the previous administration's violent and xenophobic immigration practices against asylum seekers. UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, SEEKING ASYLUM IS LEGAL. The persecution of migrants escaping the horror of man-made climate disasters, war, poverty, and violence is a violation of human rights. Regardless of party affiliation, our political system and politicians continue to fail our migrant communities and through the actions of ICE in Texas, we are witnessing the most vile use of power on Black people. Let us not forget we stand on stolen land, in a country built by the enslaved, where tens of thousands of immigrant, poor, disabled, Black, Indigenous, and people of color were and continue to be sacrificed during this pandemic.

As a reproductive justice organization, we continue the legacy of resistance to systemic reproductive oppression and racist attempts to violate our bodies, families and communities. Our work is to uphold the bodily autonomy and well being of our people. This includes our right to decide when and if to have children and to raise our children free of violence. In the last few years we have witnessed children separated from their parents (many still not reunited); immigrant women forcibly sterilized in detention centers and later deported; and the targeting of Black immigrants for deportation. The violent tactics of the Border Patrol, lashing and herding Black asylum seekers as they attempt to leave the US side of the border to cross into Mexico

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<sup>1</sup> Title 42 of the Public Health Service Act as it was invoked by the Trump administration in March of 2020, gives federal health officials the ability to deny entry to asylum seekers reaching the country through Mexico and Canada during the ongoing pandemic. Today Title 42 is being used to swiftly deport migrants arriving at the U.S. border denying them due process and the ability to seek asylum.



to purchase food, water and other necessities adds a violent component to the unsanitary and inhumane conditions they are experiencing as they wait for their chance to apply for asylum. Mexico's government is ALSO complicit as they cruelly swoop up Black migrants and transport them to it's most southern border to the city of Tapachula in the state of Chiapas at the bequest of U.S. officials, making the plight of Black migrants even more dangerous. Enough is enough! We demand action and call on the Biden administration to pay more than lip service as they continue to terrorize and deport Haitian migrants to a country destabilized by U.S. imperialism and where many have not lived for years.

WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO DEPORTATIONS OF BLACK MIGRANTS.  
WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S USE OF TITLE 42.  
WE DEMAND A HIGHER NUMBER OF ASYLUM SEEKERS BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE COUNTRY.  
WE DEMAND REAL SOLUTIONS AND CITIZENSHIP FOR THE MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS / ESSENTIAL WORKERS CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE U.S.  
WE DEMAND ICE BE ABOLISHED.

¡NINGÚN SER HUMANO ES ILEGAL!

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California Latinas for Reproductive Justice is a statewide organization committed to honoring the experiences of Latinas/xs to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality and families. We build Latinas'/xs' power and cultivate leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research to achieve Reproductive Justice. Learn more about California Latinas for Reproductive Justice at [www.californialatinas.org](http://www.californialatinas.org).

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