



# California State Treasurer's Office **STATEMENT**

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## **Treasurer Fiona Ma Issues Statement on Recent Federal Immigration Crackdown**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – Treasurer Fiona Ma has issued the following statement condemning the recent federal immigration crackdown stating actions are a betrayal of America's core values. Video of her statement can be found on the California State Treasurer's Office YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKOGWiTv9CQ>

### **Statement:**

*I'm Fiona Ma, the Treasurer of the great state of California.*

*I'm the oldest child of immigrants. My parents came to America seeking a country founded on the ideals of democracy and freedom from oppression. They have lived their lives as proud American citizens, saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance with heartfelt pride. They have lived the American dream and truly love this country.*

*But let's be clear: America is a nation of immigrants: people who came here to build a better life for their families and to contribute to this remarkable American community. That's why it is both heartbreaking and unacceptable to watch this administration terrorize immigrants.*

*In California, we value all of our neighbors and welcome them to participate in our society and our economy. Whether you work in agriculture, manufacturing, construction, service, or technology, you / we are all part of the fabric that makes California strong and proud.*

*To all those who live in California and beyond: we will not be bullied or hide from the*

challenges of our time. We will stand firm to protect everyone's right to live and love in our great Golden State.

Stay safe everyone. And remember, we are stronger together.

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*Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She is the first woman of color, and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. Treasurer Ma serves as the state's banker and is agent of sale for all state bonds and trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness. The State Treasurer's Office also processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions annually and manages a \$150 billion investment portfolio. As State Treasurer, Ma is also chair of many boards, commissions, and authorities that provide financing for schools, housing, recycling and waste management, alternative energy, hospitals, and other projects that create jobs, improve California's economy, and better the lives of residents.*