

## The Hypocrisy of California Politicians

Several California City mayors have condemned and pushed through business boycotts of Arizona because of the recent passage of SB 1070. What these politicians are not telling you is California already has an immigration law similar to Arizona's SB 1070 on their books. Once again, we see politicians who wish to make headlines instead of telling the truth to their constituents. Below is a copy of the California Law.

California Penal Code:

"834b. (a) Every law enforcement agency in California **shall** fully cooperate with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding any person who is arrested **if he or she is suspected** of being present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.

(b) With respect to any such person who is arrested, and suspected of being present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws, every law enforcement agency **shall** do the following:

(1) Attempt to verify the legal status of such person as a citizen of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted as a permanent resident, an alien lawfully admitted for a temporary period of time or as an alien who is present in the United States in violation of immigration laws. The verification process may include, but **shall not be limited** to, questioning the person regarding his or her date and place of birth, and entry into the United States, and **demanding documentation** to indicate his or her legal status.

(2) Notify the person of his or her apparent status as an alien who is present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws and inform him or her that, apart from any criminal justice proceedings, he or she must either obtain legal status or leave the United States.

(3) Notify the *Attorney General of California* and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service of the apparent illegal status and provide any additional information that may be requested by any other public entity.

(c) Any legislative, administrative, or other action by a city, county, or other legally authorized local governmental entity with jurisdictional boundaries, or by a law enforcement agency, to prevent or limit the cooperation required by subdivision (a) is expressly prohibited."

What is most interesting is the same "immigration hold" enforcement that Arizona police officers may be requested to take by federal authorities can also be requested of a California Police Officer after they contact federal immigration authorities to determine the immigration status of a person they arrest. Notice also that there is a requirement under subsection 3 that a California police officer notify the "Attorney General of California" and others regarding the person stopped. One can only surmise by this that **their** Attorney General cares about illegal immigration enforcement.