

Notes from my closing comments Immigration Response- BZ

1. The damage that ICE is doing to our communities is Bigger Than All of Us.- Strength in Numbers
 - a. Clair's example of 44% of Immigrant Owned Businesses have lost over 50% of revenue. How do they stay in business?
2. This is a Call to Action within the business, community development, and agriculture sectors. How do we share information, knowledge, and practice.
3. The framework is Interwoven Destiny- we are connected and there is safety in numbers.
4. I am struck with a number of the P words that serve as guides and help us work together-
 - a. Proactive- We have to be proactive which enables us to have as much control as possible.
 - b. Preparedness- Just like Natural Disasters, we have to be prepared. I resonate with Matt's emphasis of practice, practice, and practice.
 - c. Protection- Our work is ultimately about protecting each other. We can use the tools of requiring a judicial order and ensuring that our facilities are private and protected.
 - d. Policy- We need policies at the state and eventually national level that protect undocumented residents who contribute so much to our society.
 - e. Power- We need to build power through our coalition work to serve as a deterrent to ICE. The Spanish word for power is Poder and the famous Delores Huerta quote- si se puede—yes, we can.
5. My final two summary words from Latin are- Carpei Diem—seize the moment. I am reminded of one of my favorite sayings—A Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste.