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“Betrayal of the Constitution”: Councilmember Raul Campillo Blasts Supreme Court Majority for Immigration Decision in Fiery Speech at City Council

A Harvard-educated attorney and former prosecutor, Councilmember Campillo laid into the Supreme Court’s majority decision to allow apparent ethnicity, language, and low-wage labor as factors in detaining people, thereby diminishing the Fourth Amendment’s threshold for reasonable suspicion

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SAN DIEGO — Following the Supreme Court’s [Monday decision to allow racial profiling by ICE officers to form reasonable suspicion to detain individuals](#), San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo launched into a powerful 11 minute speech on the dais as he made legal and ethical arguments for why the Supreme Court’s decision was wrong and lauded Justice Sonia Sotomayor for her clarity in dissent.

“[The Supreme Court’s decision] is a betrayal of the Constitution’s most basic promise: that every person will be judged by their actions, not their appearance,” said Councilmember Campillo on the dais. “If the Fourth Amendment stands for anything, it is that government must treat us as individuals, not stereotypes.”

Per [the New York Times’ reporting](#):

“For now, federal agents in Los Angeles carrying out the immigration crackdown can continue to decide which people to stop and at least briefly detain for questioning based solely on one or a combination of four factors that a lower-court judge had deemed unconstitutional.

Those factors are people's apparent race or ethnicity; the fact that they speak English with an accent or speak Spanish; their presence at particular locations like farms or pickup sites for day laborers; and the type of work they do."

Campillo noted the absurdity of this new interpretation of the Fourth Amendment, which Justice Brett Kavanaugh described as "common sense": "I ask, if none of those things is itself enough to form a reasonable suspicion, then how can the four of them add up to a reasonable suspicion to believe someone has no status to be in the United States?"

Campillo concluded with a call to action, stating "Here's the truth: we cannot accept a republic of suspicion. We must insist on a republic of laws... A government that labels criminal suspicion of the darker set of our citizenry as "Common Sense" is a government that doesn't have common sense, but instead has lost all sense of right and wrong, and it has no sense of what the Constitution guarantees each and everyone of us."

For Councilmember Campillo's full remarks, see the attached pdf as well as [a downloadable Google Drive video here](#).

About Councilmember Raul Campillo

Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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