

Events:

Exhibition Reception:
Sunday, December 16, 3-5 pm

Stay Safe Party
Sunday, February 10, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Come join our Stay Safe Party. Make art and dance with Aram Han Sifuentes, William Estrada, and DJ Sadie Rock. Open to all ages. Families welcome.

Neighbor's Night
Thursday, February 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Learn about your constitutional rights and participate in artworks by Undocumented Projects.

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Cut out your own *Know Your Rights* card below:

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any document based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

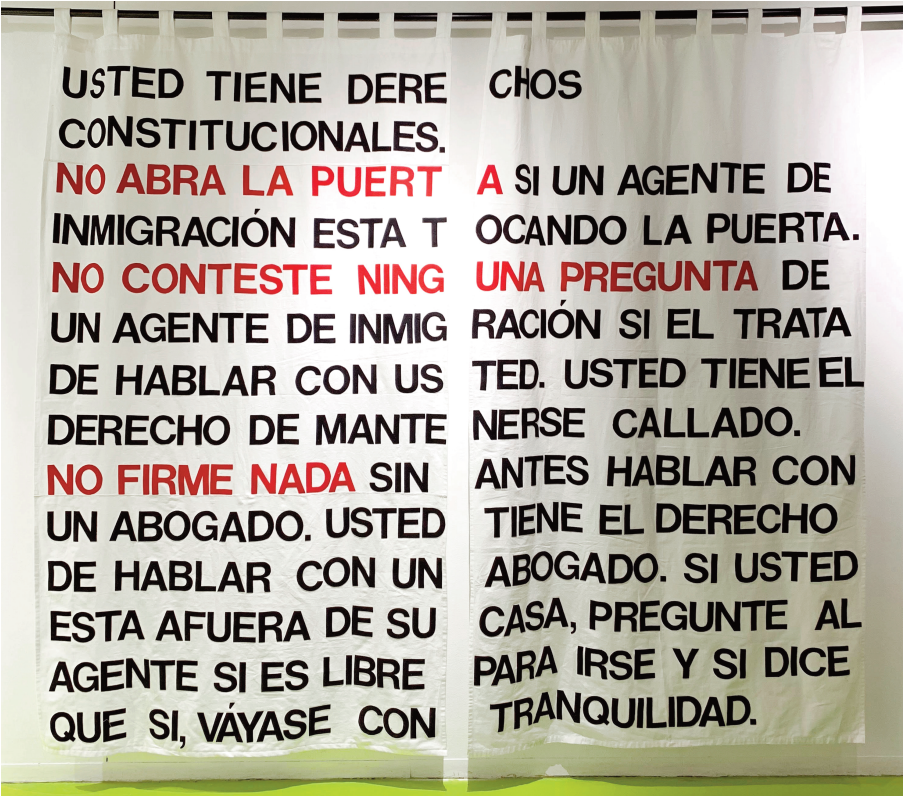
I choose to exercise my consitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike

Aram Han Sifuentes

To Ward Off Authorities and to Protect My Neighbors

Cleve Carney Gallery and Gallery 2
November 25, 2018 - March 10, 2019



To Protect My Neighbors: Stay Safe! (Spanish), 2018
Felt and fusible web on curtains, 98 x 114 inches

The U.S. Constitution protects all living in the United States, regardless of immigration status, with certain rights and protections.

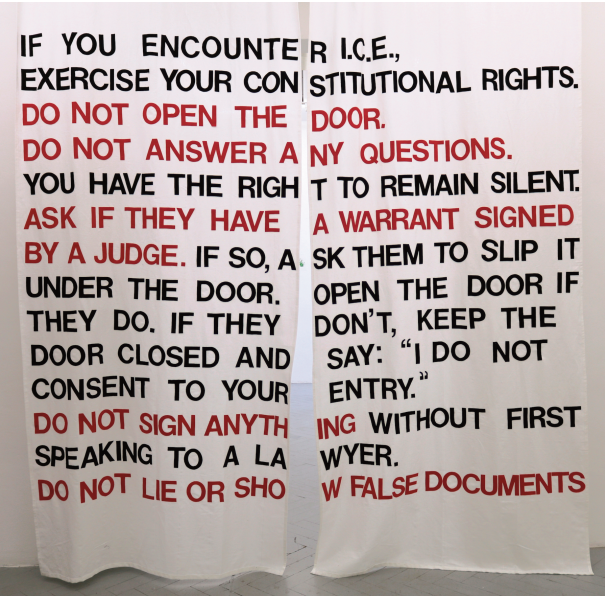
On household window curtains, I appliqued messages to authorities (Police and I.C.E.) refusing their entry unless they have the proper warrant. Each of the entrances of the exhibition space is sealed with these curtains to create a protective safe space for immigrants and people of color.

Inside are curtains with messages to neighbors of basic constitutional rights in different languages (so far English, Spanish, and Korean) to learn how to protect oneself if such authorities show up at one’s home and in the public. Each of these three curtains have portals to safety, freedom, and power behind them representing past, present, future, which were made in collaboration with the Art and Restorative Justice Teen Group at the Art Center.

The room at the end houses a monumental banner, *Are Our Lives Unprotectable? Are Our Deaths Ungrievable?* The title is modified from a quote by Grace Kyungwon Hong in her book *Death Beyond Disavowal*, who writes “The selective protections of certain racialized, gendered, and sexualized subjects actually further obfuscates this mutually constitutive relationship between protectable life and ungrievable death.” This banner lists out the immigration policy changes and implementations under Trump. These points were taken from the Migration Policy Institute’s “U.S. Immigration Policy Under Trump: Deep Changes and Lasting Impacts” report.

With this work, I aim to empower and protect immigrants and people of color. However, exercising these constitutional rights aren’t without risk of retaliation or excessive force by authorities. How can a system protect us when it was never designed to protect us?

-Aram Han Sifuentes



To Protect My Neighbors: Stay Safe!, 2018
felt and fusible web on curtain, 98 x 114 inches
Works made with the help of Sarah Whyte and Verónica Casado Hernández.

Aram Han Sifuentes uses a needle and thread as her tools to examine immigration, citizenship, race, and craft, drawing on both personal experiences and shared cultural identity. The new textiles presented here in Gallery 2 and Cleve Carney Gallery began in residence at FRISE Hamburg as part of the Hyde Park Art Center’s *Migration of the Imaginary* Residency Exchange during the summer of 2018. The five pairs of text-focused work is the beginning of a larger series embracing other languages in the artist’s Jefferson Park neighborhood, and all around Chicago.



[Aram Han Sifuentes](#) (b. South Korea, 1986) a fiber, social practice, and performance artist who works to claim spaces for immigrant and disenfranchised communities. Her work often revolves around skill sharing, specifically sewing techniques, to create multiethnic and intergenerational sewing circles, which become a place for empowerment, subversion and protest. Her work has been exhibited at the Pulitzer Arts Foundation (St. Louis, MO), Jane Addams Hull-House Museum (Chicago, Illinois), Chicago Cultural Center (Chicago, Illinois), Asian Arts Initiative (Philadelphia, PA), Chung Young Yang Embroidery Museum (Seoul, South Korea), and the Design Museum (London, UK).

Aram is a 2016 Smithsonian Artist Research Fellow, a 2016 3Arts Awardee, and a 2017 Sustainable Arts Foundation Awardee. She earned her BA in Art and Latin American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and her MFA in Fiber and Material Studies from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Cut out your own *Know Your Rights* card below:

You have constitutional rights:

- **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS** from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- **GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT.** If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.