In 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti re-established the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) in order to promote and advance the economic, cultural, social, and political well-being of immigrant communities in the City of Los Angeles. Our mission is to develop programs and initiatives to support immigrant integration through the coordination of city services, outreach and legislative advocacy. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family and colleagues. Thank you for your support!

**IMMIGRATION POLICY NEWS**

*National*

**Department of Justice to Impose Immigration Court Quotas**
On April 2, 2018, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it will begin to evaluate immigration judges on how many cases they close and how fast they hear cases. In a memo, DOJ sets specific measures of performance for judges, including completing at least 700 cases per year to be deemed satisfactory.

To read the full performance plan [click here](#).

**President Trump Orders National Guard to U.S. Southern Border**
On April 4, 2018, President Donald Trump signed a memorandum to deploy the National Guard to the United States' southern border. As of April 18, approximately 900 total National Guard troops have been deployed from Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. California has responded to the memorandum, but the state has yet to deploy National Guard troops.

The full memo can be read [here](#).

**Sessions v. Dimaya**
On April 17, 2018, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled part of the Immigration and Nationality Act's definition of "crime of violence" as unconstitutionally vague, upholding a previous Ninth Circuit ruling and preventing deportation of individuals convicted of certain crimes. Justice Neil Gorsuch sided with the majority in a narrow 5-4 decision.
Trump v. Hawaii

The Supreme Court of the United States held its oral hearing of Trump v. Hawaii on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The case will have implications on the powers of the executive branch and determine the status of the Trump administration’s travel ban on majority Muslim countries.

Department of Homeland Security Cancels TPS Designation for Nepal

On April 26, 2018, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen announced the termination of the Temporary Protected Status designation for Nepal. The termination has a 12-month delayed effective date of June 24, 2019. To read the full press release click here.

Regional

Sanctuary City Injunction

The City of Los Angeles filed the lawsuit in September of 2017 alleging that it’s unconstitutional to tie federal grant funding for law enforcement programs to immigration enforcement.

On April 12, 2018, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, alongside Mayor Eric Garcetti and Police Chief Charlie Beck, announced that the City of Los Angeles had secured a nationwide injunction in the case from U.S. District Judge Manuel Real which prevents the U.S. Department of Justice from tying public safety grant money to immigration enforcement policies. To read the Los Angeles Times coverage of the case click here.

California Responds to Federal Request for National Guard Personnel

On April 11, 2018, California Governor Jerry Brown responded to the Trump administration’s request for National Guard personnel to be deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border by releasing a letter which stated:

“This will not be a mission to build a new wall. It will not be a mission to round up women and children or detain people escaping violence and seeking a better life. And the California National Guard will not be enforcing federal immigration laws.”

On April 18, 2018 Governor Jerry Brown ordered the deployment of up to 400 California National Guard troops to the border with Mexico under the conditions outlined in his April 11 letter. To read the full letter click here.

Los Angeles City Council Votes to Legalize Street Vending

In an 11-4 vote on April 17, 2018, the City Council directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance establishing a permitting system for street vendors. The permits will allow vendors to sell their items legally while providing brick-and-mortar businesses an appeals process to voice their concerns based on health and safety issues.

Los Angeles City Council Votes on Border Wall Disclosure

On April 17, 2018, Los Angeles City Council passed an ordinance that requires companies that are seeking work with the city or that have city contracts to reveal whether they are helping to build the proposed border wall with Mexico. To read the Los Angeles Times’ coverage of the 12-0 vote click here.
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Mayor Eric Garcetti Delivers State of the City Address
On Monday, April 16, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti delivered the State of the City address from Los Angeles City Hall’s Council Chambers. He highlighted the value of immigrant Angelenos in the city, the impact of the L.A. Justice Fund, and the threats directed toward the community by the federal government. You can watch and read the full speech at lamayor.org/SOTC18.

Know Your Rights Workshops
Continuing with the second phase of Los Angeles Unified School District’s (LAUSD) We Are One L.A. Unified Campaign, MOIA presented multiple Know Your Rights workshops in LAUSD schools across the city, including Rosemont Early Education Center, McKinley Avenue Elementary School, and Santee Education Complex.

The “We Are One” campaign was launched in 2017 and amplifies the District’s efforts to cultivate welcoming learning environments for all students, including those who are immigrants. The campaign provides families and employees with critical information related to the academic, legal, health and wellness, and enrollment needs of immigrants.

For more information about the campaign and resources available for immigrant families, please visit the LAUSD website here.
IN THE NEWS

National

U.S. Must Keep DACA and Accept New Applications, Federal Judge Rules
The New York Times

“The judge stayed his decision for 90 days and gave the Department of Homeland Security, which administers the program, the opportunity to better explain its reasoning for canceling it. If the department fails to do so, it “must accept and process new as well as renewal DACA applications,” Judge Bates said in the decision.”

A Rule Is Changed for Young Immigrants, and Green Card Hopes Fade
The New York Times

“The Trump administration seems to be narrowly reinterpreting the law, saying that in cases where applicants are over 18, they no longer qualify, because the state court’s authority ends at that age. According to its reasoning in one denial letter provided to The Times, “once a person attains the age of 18, the family courts lack jurisdiction over the person’s custody.”

H-1B visa applications reach cap, show ongoing demand for foreign workers
The Mercury News

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration announced that the number of H-1B applications had hit 65,000, the annual maximum mandated by Congress. The agency also received enough applications to hit the additional 20,000 cap for workers with a master's degree or higher.”

Los Angeles

LA street vending moves ahead. Here's what you need to know.
KPCC

“On a 11-4 vote, the City Council on Tuesday directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance setting up a permitting system for street vendors. The permits will allow vendors to sell their items legally.”
L.A. Councilman Celebrates Legislation Which Allowed 1-Million Undocumented Immigrants To Receive Driver’s Licenses in the State

KABC

“Standing on the front steps of L.A. City Hall with immigrant rights organizations – Councilman Gil Cedillo said we are all safer now that more undocumented immigrants have a driver’s licenses.”

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Mayor’s Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps

The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs is proud to launch the Mayor’s Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps (MIAVC)! This corps is created to empower Angelenos to support the programs and initiatives of our direct service community partners. Interested individuals should complete the volunteer application to be placed on a volunteer list.

The MIAVC application can be accessed here. Please direct any questions or concerns about MIAVC to mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org.