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**

**Somalia TPS Re-Registration Period Open**
On August 27, 2018, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that current beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under Somalia’s designation who want to maintain their status through the 18-month extension period ending on March 17, 2020, must re-register between August 27, 2018 - October 26, 2018. Re-registration procedures can be found at [uscis.gov/tps](http://uscis.gov/tps).

**California Immigration Scam Consumer Alert**
California Attorney General Xavier Becerra issued a consumer alert for Californians to beware of immigration scams. The consumer alert offers tips for Californians to protect themselves as well as information about what to do if you are a victim of an immigration scam. The alert is available in [English](http), [Spanish](http), [Chinese](http) and [Vietnamese](http).

**Department of Homeland Security Announces Proposed Public Charge Rule Change**
On Saturday, September 22, 2018, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a draft of a proposed public charge rule change that would expand the definition of public charge to include many federal public benefit programs, including Medicaid and SNAP. The draft of the proposed rule can be read [here](http). The full press release can be read on the [DHS website](http).
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Regional Meeting on Family Separation Policy
On August 9, 2018, the County of Los Angeles Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs co-hosted a third regional convening on the Trump administration’s family separation policy. Guests included legal service providers, nonprofit and philanthropy groups, County Departments affected by the policy, and the consulate of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The group discussed implementation of an action plan to assist families settling in the Los Angeles area.

LA Chamber of Commerce; Building Futures: The Need to Step Up on Immigration
On August 10, 2018, Chief of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, Dr. Linda Lopez joined Congressman Jimmy Gomez and Acting Executive Director of the County of Los Angeles Office of Immigrant Affairs, Rigo Reyes, in a panel discussion hosted by the LA Area Chamber of Commerce. The group discussed how members of the business community can work to create and sustain immigrant-friendly policies.
TPS Journey for Justice Kickoff
On August 17, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti welcomed the National TPS Alliance to City Hall to kick off a 12-week national campaign to preserve the protections of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders. The journey, with events across the country, will motivate local communities to organize and connect in a national campaign to fight for permanent residency and protect TPS families. To learn more about the Journey for Justice you can visit the National TPS Alliance website here.
Welcoming Week in Los Angeles
Mayor Eric Garcetti proclaimed the week of September 14th, 2018, as Welcoming Week, and committed to uniting our community and ensuring that all are welcome here. All residents of Los Angeles were urged to show solidarity with the immigrant community and welcoming all who live in and visit the City. The proclamation was presented to the Refugee Forum of Los Angeles and its member organizations.

100,000 Angelenos Reached Through Step Forward Campaign
On Citizenship Day, Monday, September 17, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that the Step Forward campaign has provided more than 100,000 Angelenos with citizenship information and services in the city. Services include helping individuals check their eligibility for citizenship to locating convenient classes to start their journey.
Baby2Baby Partnership to Welcome Immigrant Families
On September 21, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs partnered with Baby2Baby to host a welcoming event in honor of Welcoming Week, a nationwide series of community oriented events that helps communities bring together immigrants, refugees, and native-born residents to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone. Mayor Garcetti along with over 50 community volunteers helped to assemble 200 bags containing children’s clothing and school supplies that will be delivered to new immigrant families in Los Angeles through Kids in Need of Defense - Los Angeles, Immigrant Defenders, Public Counsel, Miry’s List and Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project.

Cities for Action and Lumos Launch Report on Confronting Family Separation
On September 24, 2018, a coalition of over 175 mayors and county executives and an international children’s charity jointly developed a report on local governments’ responses to the family separation crisis and best practice in assisting separated families. The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs contributed with a case study focused on the City of Los Angeles’ response to the family separation crisis. You can read the full report here.
IN THE NEWS

National

Trump administration appeals federal judge's preliminary injunction on family separation
Los Angeles Times

"More than 1,900 children have rejoined their parents since the court’s order, while another 200 have been placed with sponsors or have turned 18, according to the latest figures from the government."

'It IS bad there': Emails reveal Trump officials pushing for immigrant protection terminations
CNN

"In the emails, Trump administration political officials repeatedly pushed for the termination of TPS for vulnerable countries, even as they faced pushback from internal assessments by career staffers and other parts of the administration."

Top C.E.O.s Denounce Trump Immigration Policy as Threat to U.S. Economy
New York Times

"The executives, members of the Business Roundtable, expressed their “serious concern” over the administration’s immigration moves in a jointly signed letter delivered late Wednesday to Kirstjen Nielsen, the secretary of homeland security."

DOJ helped cover up “improper” motive for census citizenship question: new ACLU filing
Reuters

"The ACLU’s proposed new complaint adds allegations about the Justice Department’s role in the Commerce “pretext.” It claims, for instance, that AG Sessions pledged to help Commerce Secretary Ross three months before the DOJ letter that allegedly prompted the Commerce Department to consider adding the citizenship question."
Los Angeles

Garcetti helps launch campaign for protected status for thousands of immigrants
Los Angeles Times

"Mayor Eric Garcetti, U.S. Rep Jimmy Gomez, Assembly members Wendy Carrillo and Miguel Santiago, City Councilman Curren Price and others helped kick off a 12-week national campaign intended to raise awareness for the Temporary Protected Status program, which allows some immigrants fleeing violence or disasters to stay in the U.S."

L.A. City Attorney Sues Trump Administration Over Justice Grants
NBC Los Angeles

"Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer announced Thursday that his office is suing the Trump administration for the second time to try and stop the federal government from imposing immigration enforcement conditions on $1 million in annual funding for anti-gang programs."

This Doctor Treats LAUSD's Newly Arrived Immigrants. She Was Once One Of Them
LAist

"She's now a physician for LAUSD and, one day a week, performs physical exams for young students at the district's School Enrollment Placement and Assessment Center, or "SEPA" Center. Though the SEPA Center does not serve immigrant families exclusively, many immigrant children are referred there because it includes many of the services immigrant children need under one roof: enrollment forms, vaccination, counseling and other care."

Living in Deportation's Shadow: How One Los Angeles Charter School Grapples With Immigration Enforcement
The 74 Million

"Since several parents came forward about the deportation of their spouses last school year, the charter network has been grappling with ways to support the families they serve. Camino Nuevo has eight campuses serving about 3,600 students from pre-kindergarten through high school. Although the network doesn't ask its students about their immigration status, about 90 percent of children come into the network as English language learners, said Nicole Brown, the principal at Camino Nuevo's Kayne Siart campus."
VOLUNTEER

Mayor’s Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps

Sign up for the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps (MIAVC) to get notified of upcoming training and volunteer opportunities related to the separation of families and other immigration-related issues. This volunteer 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.

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