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**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Updates Mission Statement**

On February 22, 2018, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) changed its mission statement. The mission statement previously read as follows:

"USCIS secures America’s promise as a nation of immigrants by providing accurate and useful information to our customers, granting immigration and citizenship benefits, promoting an awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of our immigration system."

The revamped USCIS mission statement removes the phrase “nation of immigrants” and the word “citizenship” and reads as follows:

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services administers the nation’s lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for
For more information about USCIS and the services it provides please visit the USCIS website.

**Supreme Court declines to hear Trump administration’s appeal of DACA ruling**

On February 26, 2018, the Supreme Court declined to hear the Trump administration’s appeal of a federal court’s ruling that requires the federal government continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This denial means that the Trump administration will have to appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to proceed through the legal process. Until an appeal is heard, DACA program renewals will continue to be accepted.

For more information about the DACA program and renewals please visit the USCIS website here.

**Regional**

**California Senate Bill No. 946**

On February 3, 2018, California State Senator Ricardo Lara introduced Senate Bill No. 946 that would prohibit a local authority from adopting rules or regulations, by ordinance or resolution, that regulate or prohibit sidewalk vendors, as defined, unless it first adopts a sidewalk vending licensing program that requires a sidewalk vendor to obtain a license from the local authority before selling food or merchandise.

To read the bill in its entirety you can visit the California legislative information website here.

**California Assembly Bill No. 2948**

On February 16, 2018, California State Assemblymember Travis Allen introduced Assembly Bill No. 2948 that would repeal provisions that prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments, from using money or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, as specified, and, subject to exceptions, proscribes other activities or conduct in connection with immigration enforcement by law enforcement agencies.

The bill would also give a law enforcement official discretion to cooperate with federal immigration officials by detaining an individual on the basis of an immigration hold, as defined, after that individual becomes eligible for release from custody only if the continued detention of the individual on the basis of the immigration hold would not violate any federal, state, or local law, or local policy, and only under specified circumstances.

To read the bill in its entirety you can visit the California legislative information website here.
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Employer Know Your Rights Workshop

On Wednesday, February 7, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs partnered with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Employment Labor Project (NELP) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA (AAAJ-LA) to host a community workshop that educated employers on federal and state immigration law. Representatives from AAAJ-LA and NELP presented information as well as distributed resources to all in attendance.

California Bold Conference

On Wednesday, February 7, Mayor Eric Garcetti addressed attendees of the California Bold Conference, a convening to improve immigrant integration in the United States. The conference, hosted by USC Dornsife’s Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, addressed three key themes: defending the safety and rights of immigrant communities; developing new policy ideas, strengthening partner capacities and securing broad alliances; and deploying new strategies and identifying opportunities.
IN THE NEWS

L.A. mayor shrugs off DHS threat to prosecute 'sanctuary city' officials

WND

“The Trump administration is considering criminal charges against local officials who don’t fully cooperate with federal immigration authorities, but Democratic Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti insists he’s “not scared at all,” calling the crackdown on the so-called “sanctuary city” movement “a weak and pathetic move.”

CSULB senior and DACA recipient attends Trump’s State of the Union speech in DC; says he’s optimistic on immigration deal

Long Beach Press-Telegram

“Traveling to Washington, D.C., to hear Tuesday night’s State of the Union address was a huge honor for Luis Flores, a Cal State Long Beach senior who came to America when he was 2.”

Did the LA County Sheriff’s Department, ICE detain inmates for too long? A federal court thinks so

Los Angeles Daily News

“Immigrant rights’ advocates are celebrating a federal court ruling that found, in part, that the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department violated the Constitution when it held jail inmates longer than their release dates for immigration purposes.”

ICE operation in LA results in 212 arrests, 122 notices of inspection

USCIS

“U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation officers and special agents arrested 212 individuals for violating federal immigration laws and served 122 notices of inspection (NOIs) to businesses in the Los Angeles area of responsibility (AOR) during a five-day targeted operation that ended Thursday. Eighty-eight percent of those arrested were convicted criminals.”
VOLUNTEER

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.

Questions? Comments? Please email us at Mayor.Immigrantaffairs@lacity.org