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

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

El Salvador
On January 8, 2018, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen announced her decision to terminate the temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador with a delayed effective date of 18 months to allow for an orderly transition before the designation terminates on September 9, 2019.

The re-registration period for people who already have TPS is open from January 18, 2018, through March 18, 2018. For more information please visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website here.

Syria
Although no official announcement has been made, on January 31, 2018, the Associated Press reported that the Trump administration would extend protections to Syrian TPS holders for 18 months, but Syria would not be re-designated and no new applications would be accepted. The current designation is set to expire on March 31, 2018.

The re-registration period for people who already have TPS has not been announced. For more information please visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website here.
Government Shutdown

The federal government experienced a shutdown on January 19, 2018, at 9:00 p.m. PST when Congress failed to pass a spending bill to fund the government. The shutdown ended the evening of January 22 when Congress passed a bill funding the government temporarily through February 8.

This was Mayor Eric Garcetti’s response on the first day of the shutdown:

“This shutdown was completely avoidable and destructive. It’s time for the Republican-controlled Congress and this President to live up to their own words in support of our Dreamers. No wonder people are cynical about Washington when Congress and the White House can't do their most basic job.” — Mayor Eric Garcetti

DACA in the Courts


On January 16, 2018, the Justice Department announced its plans to seek direct Supreme Court review of the ruling. The Supreme Court granted the Trump administration’s request to expedite briefs in its appeal and the opponents have until February 2 to file them.

The Supreme Court can choose to grant a direct review of the administration’s appeal in its scheduled February 16 conference. In this case the Supreme Court would potentially hear arguments in spring and issue its decision by the end of June.

White House Outline on Immigration Policy

On January 30, 2018, the White House released its outline on immigration reform policy. Proposed policy includes a permanent solution to DACA with a pathway to citizenship while also securing a fund for border security, ending extended-family migration, and canceling the visa lottery.

To read the full release you can visit whitehouse.gov.
Regional

California Assembly Bill No. 1862

On January 11, 2018, California Assembly Members Miguel Santiago and Wendy Carrillo introduced Assembly Bill No. 1862 that would appropriate $10 million from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services for the purposes of providing grants to qualified organizations that provide legal assistance to individuals affected by the termination of the federal Temporary Protected Status designation for El Salvador.

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

California Senate Bill No. 183

On January 24, 2018, California State Senator Ricardo Lara introduced Senate Bill No. 183 that would prohibit federal immigration enforcement agents, officers, or personnel from entering a building owned and occupied, or leased and occupied, by the state, a public school, or a campus of the California Community Colleges, to perform surveillance, effectuate an arrest, or question an individual therein, without a valid federal warrant, and would limit the activities therein of federal immigration enforcement agents, officers, or personnel with a warrant to the individual who is the subject of the warrant.

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

LAWA Citizenship Workshop

On Saturday, January 27, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs partnered with Los Angeles World Airports and the National Immigration Forum’s New American Workforce to host a U.S. citizenship application workshop. Application assistance was provided free of charge to eligible LAWA employees and their family members.

New Americans Initiative Launch

On January 18, Mayor Eric Garcetti joined library staff at the Los Angeles Central Library to announce the roll out of the New Americans Initiative. The initiative expands services offered by LAPL Citizenship Corners, which have already assisted 46,000 Angelenos in all 73 branch libraries across the city. At the outset, four branches — Central, Junipero Serra, Pacoima, and Wilmington — will have New Americans Centers, where dedicated spaces and specially-trained, Department of Justice-accredited library employees will offer guidance on navigating the entire naturalization process. Additional centers will be opened later this year at the Benjamin Franklin and Pio Pico-Koreatown branches.

For more information about the New Americans Initiative please visit the Los Angeles Public Library website here.
Parent College Community Resource Fairs

MOIA participated in Partnership for Los Angeles Schools’ Parent College Community Resource Fairs as part of their Parent College Program. The resource fairs provide a space for students and families to connect with community agencies, local universities, and service providers in their area. Several community resource fairs were hosted in high schools across the City of Los Angeles, including Santee Education Complex. MOIA tabled at the events and provided Community Resource Guides and “Know Your Rights” red cards to those in attendance.
**Promise Zone Arts Live!**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs presented Promise Zone Arts Live! on Saturday, January 13, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Shatto Recreation Center. The event was a family-friendly community arts celebration to commemorate the first year of this two-year initiative that featured live performances, free food, and workshops hosted by some of the local Cultural Treasures who bring vitality to the LA Promise Zone neighborhoods.

The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs VISTA Fellows, Cory Rosas (left) and Tara Kwan (right), tabled the event to reach out to the community about immigration issues. [Community Resource Guides](#) and “Know Your Rights” cards were handed out to people who stopped by the booth.

**IN THE NEWS**

**LA Mayor Garcetti travels to Washington for mayors winter conference**

[My LA News](#)

“Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti is scheduled to be in Washington, D.C., Wednesday for the three-day U.S. Conference of Mayors’ 86th Annual Winter Meeting, where he will preside over discussions on immigration and infrastructure.”
Mayors boycott White House meeting after administration threatens sanctuary cities

Los Angeles Times

“The leaders of New York, Chicago and New Orleans were among the Democrats who snubbed the Tuesday afternoon event after the Justice Department sent a threatening directive to their cities and 20 other cities and counties over their sanctuary policies regarding immigrants.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who is also in Washington this week for the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, had not been invited to the White House event.”

VOLUNTEER

Mayor’s Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps

The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs is proud to start the new year by launching 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Employer Know Your Rights

MOIA is collaborating 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 will educate employers on federal and state immigration law. Representatives from AAAJ-LA and NELP will be presenting information as well as distributing resources to all in attendance.

For additional details and to RSVP, please click here. For any questions on the workshop, please contact mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org.

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