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**

District Judge Orders Temporary Deportation Stay  
On July 16, 2018, San Diego U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw issued a pause on deportations of reunited families to prevent potential mass deportations of families after reunification. Read more about the order [here](#).

REUNITE Act  
On July 17, 2018, Senator Kamala Harris introduced the Reunite Every Unaccompanied Newborn Infant, Toddler and Other Children Expeditiously (REUNITE) Act. If passed, the act would create an “Office for Locating and Reuniting Children with Parents” as well as establish a number of protections for separated families. To read the full bill [click here](#).

Central America Family Reunification and Reintegration Initiative  
On July 26, 2018, advocacy organization Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) announced the launch of its Central America Family Reunification and Reintegration Initiative. The new initiative will include facilitating transnational reunification for children seeking to reunify with parents, referring parents and families to attorneys in the United States to represent them with civil rights and other legal claims, as well as to mental health services. It will also help families who have been reunified and deported but have significant protection concerns or other needs. To read the full press release [click here](#).

All Californians Count  
On July 31, 2018, California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla launched [census2020.sos.ca.gov](http://census2020.sos.ca.gov), a new web portal that will provide news and resources for Californians leading up to and during the 2020 Census. The portal currently provides a link to help interested Californians officially
submit their public comment on the 2020 Census and the inclusion of a citizenship question through the Federal Register. The U.S. Census Bureau public comment period ends Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Regional Meeting on Family Separation Policy
On July 12, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti hosted a second 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 next steps for collaboration with Los Angeles area service providers on this issue.

U.S. Mayors Urge USCIS to Reduce "Second Wall" of Citizenship Application Backlogs
On July 30, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti signed on to a letter addressing citizenship application backlogs. The mayors' letter, originally drafted before the newest USCIS data showing increases to the backlogs, requests a comprehensive and detailed plan describing how USCIS will achieve backlog reduction and a commitment to share the plan with mayors across the country. The letter also asks for specifics on previous measures taken by the agency to reduce the backlog and an analysis of why those measures failed. You can read the full letter here.

IN THE NEWS

National
How Trump is changing the face of legal immigration
The Washington Post

“The number of people receiving visas to move permanently to the United States is on pace to drop 12 percent in President Trump’s first two years in office, according to a Washington Post analysis of State Department data.”

Arrivals of refugees have hit historic lows. To stay afloat, resettlement agencies re-brand
Los Angeles Times

“The number of refugees admitted to the U.S. since President Trump took office has dropped to its lowest level in decades. As a result, the office and dozens of other refugee resettlement operations across the country have been forced to close, shift their resources or re-brand.”

Migrant Families Have Been Reunited. Now, a Scramble to Prevent Deportations.
New York Times

"The federal government last week completed reunifications of more than 1,800 migrant families separated under the Trump administration’s “zero-tolerance” policy, but immigrant advocates were set to be back in court Tuesday to block what they said was another imminent threat: plans to swiftly deport up to 1,000 of the newly reunited families.”
**Los Angeles**

LA's mayor: Trump admin is 'creating' its own immigration problems  
[CNN](https://www.cnn.com)

“Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti says the Trump administration created its own immigration problems by enacting a so-called "zero-tolerance" policy that resulted in the separation of children from their parents at the border.”

'I'm here. I'm here.' Father reunited with son amid tears, relief and fear of what's next  
[Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com)

"Their reunification at Los Angeles International Airport later that evening would be among the first in California, as the Trump administration tries to meet a court deadline and reunite nearly 3,000 children it separated from their families in a zero-tolerance immigration policy. Many of the children and parents are Central American and are expected to eventually make their way to L.A."

18 People, Including L.A. Councilman, Arrested at Protest Outside ICE Facility in DTLA  
[KTLA](https://www.ktla.com)

“They were led by Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin and Rabbi Jonathan Klein as part of a nationwide call to end the separation of families at the borders.”

**VOLUNTEER**

Freedom for Immigrants Volunteer Opportunities

![Freedom for Immigrants](https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org)

Freedom for Immigrants (formerly CIVIC) is a national nonprofit working to abolish U.S. immigration detention, while ending the isolation of people currently suffering in this profit-driven system. Since 2012, Freedom for Immigrants has been engaging a network of volunteers in Los Angeles and across the country to visit people in detention, answer calls and respond to rights violations from people in detention on their toll-free hotline, and provide community accompaniment to people being released from immigration detention.

To learn more and become a volunteer, visit the organization’s website [here](https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org). If you are unable to volunteer now, but want to pledge your support for an end to family separation, check out [freedomforimmigrants.org/sponsor-freedom](https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/sponsor-freedom).

**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.


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