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**

**Keep Families Together Act**
On June 6, 2018, Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the Keep Families Together Act. If passed, the act would prohibit the separation of children from their parents at or near a port of entry or within 100 miles of the U.S. border. To read the full bill [click here](#).

**Executive Order on Family Separation**
On June 20, 2018, President Donald Trump signed an executive order titled “Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation.” The order states that it is now the policy of the Trump administration to keep families together; however, the order does not include provisions for the reunification of children that were already separated from their families. You can read the full executive order [here](#).

**Supreme Court Rules on Trump v. Hawaii**
On June 26, 2018, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled to uphold the Trump administration’s travel ban in a 5-4 decision. You can read the full ruling [here](#).

**District Judge Orders Children Reunited**
On June 26, 2018, San Diego U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw issued a preliminary injunction that calls for every child affected by the Trump administration’s “zero tolerance” policy to be reunited with their parents within 30 days. The injunction also orders children younger than 5 years old to be reunited with their parents within 14 days and calls to be made between parent and child within 10 days. Read more about the injunction [here](#).
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

United States Conference of Mayors
On June 8, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti attended the United States Conference of Mayors’ 86th Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. You can view Garcetti’s remarks at the opening press conference here.

Joint Letter on Family Separation Policy
On June 7, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti issued a joint letter with the mayors of Tucson, Arizona, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Houston, Texas to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Attorney General Jeff Sessions calling for an immediate end to the “zero tolerance” policy and the separation of families. You can read the full letter here.

Border Separation Press Conference
On June 21, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti joined a coalition of mayors via the U.S. Conference of Mayors on a bipartisan mission to a “tent city” detention facility in Tornillo, Texas. Together, the mayors called for the reunification of children separated from their families as a result of the Trump administration’s “zero tolerance” immigration policy. You can watch the full press conference here.
NALEO Annual Conference
On June 21, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti attended the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials annual conference in Phoenix, Arizona. As the keynote speaker, Garcetti touched on immigration issues as well as the political impact young Latinos are making around the country.

World Refugee Day Regional Roundtable
The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, alongside the Refugee Forum of Los Angeles and USC Gould School of Law, hosted World Refugee Regional Roundtable on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at the Tom Bradley Tower in City Hall. This event was held to commemorate World Refugee Day which is internationally observed on June 20 to highlight the situation of refugees across the globe.

Over 100 participants from different government agencies and non-profit organizations attended the event. It featured regional roundtable discussions on alternative sources of funding and innovative service models, a networking luncheon, and concluded with the State Advisory Council on Refugee Assistance and Services meeting.

Regional Meeting on Family Separation Policy
On June 28, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis co-hosted a 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 the local effects of the family separation policy, plans to open access to the LA Justice Fund for separated children and their parents, and how key consulates can collaborate with Los Angeles area service providers on this issue.
Families Belong Together Rally
On June 30, 2018, thousands of Angelenos gathered in front of City Hall to protest the separation of families and the Trump administration’s immigration policies. Mayor Eric Garcetti, Senator Kamala Harris, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters were among a number of speakers demanding action from the federal government.

IN THE NEWS

National

[Opinion] Republican and Democratic mayors agree: Chaos at the border demands immigration reform now
Los Angeles Times

“We are mayors and fathers, but you don’t need to be either to know that separating children from their parents is inhumane, immoral and wrong. Washington assures us that the separations have stopped; now we must ensure that every one of the more than 2,000 kids in shelters and foster care are reunited with their loved ones as soon as possible.”
'Just be a kid, OK?': Inside children's immigration hearings
CNN

“In each case, the attorneys described waiting for applications filed with the government, and all were quickly given court dates into 2019 to come back for another check-in. One, a boy named José who had just finished ninth grade, was there for his second check-in and for his full asylum hearing received a court date of May 11, 2021 -- likely to be just as he is finishing high school in the US.”

Scanning immigrants’ old fingerprints, U.S. threatens to strip thousands of citizenship
The Washington Post

“The Trump administration is analyzing decades-old fingerprints in an unprecedented effort to rescind American citizenship from immigrants who may have lied or falsified information on their naturalization forms.”

Los Angeles

L.A. City Council Seeking Disclosure From Contractors on Trump’s Border Wall
My News LA

“The ordinance would impose strict penalties and fines on any company that fails to disclose the information but would not ban the company from doing business with the city.”

It’s not just people in the U.S. illegally — ICE is nabbing lawful permanent residents too
Los Angeles Times

“President Trump has vowed to crack down on immigrants with criminal records, saying they should be deported to their home countries. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have carried out a series of sweeps in California this year, detaining hundreds of people. While there has been much emphasis on the arrest of people who don’t have criminal records but are here illegally, the arrest of legal immigrants who have convictions deep in their pasts has gotten less attention.”

25 arrested, including clergy, amid Jeff Sessions immigration protest in DTLA
ABC 7

“Arrests were made as hundreds of protesters gathered in downtown Los Angeles Tuesday ahead of a planned visit by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Twenty-five people were taken into custody after the peaceful organized protest was declared an unlawful assembly by Los Angeles police. Clergy were seen among those being arrested.”
Volunteer

Assist Immigrant Detainees and Families Separated at the Border

The ACLU of Southern California, Immigrant Defenders Law Center, and other groups are working to provide immediate legal assistance for the detainees in Victorville, who include parents separated from their families and many people eligible for immediate release on bond. Our partners are in need of volunteers lawyers to assist with:

- Screening detainees to determine whether they are eligible for bond or to be reunited with their families.
- Preparing detainees for credible fear interviews and potentially representing them in those interviews.
- Representing detainees in bond hearings.

They are also seeking assistance from lawyers or other volunteers with language skills to help translate for attorneys who only speak English. We are seeking folks who can interpret in the following languages:

- Spanish
- Punjabi
- Hindi
- French
- Kanjobal
- Mam
- Other Central American Indigenous Languages
- Mandarin

There will be an in-person training for volunteers on Tuesday, July 10th at 5:30PM at the ACLU of Southern California. There are also online videos and materials available.

If you would like to get involved in this volunteer opportunity please register using this volunteer form.
Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps

Sign up for the Mayor’s 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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