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

Department of Homeland Security Terminates TPS Status for Honduras
On May 4, 2018, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen announced her decision to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Honduras with a delayed effective date of 18 months to allow for an orderly transition before the designation terminates on Jan. 5, 2020. To read the full press release from DHS click here.

Regional

Senate Bill No. 785
On May 10, 2018, California lawmakers passed a bill that would place strict limits on the disclosure of a person’s immigration status in open court. The bill, introduced last year by Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, passed the Senate with a bipartisan vote of 31-6. Six of the 13 Senate Republicans voted for the proposal and one did not vote. To read the bill text you can visit the California legislative information website here.

Senate Bill No. 974
On May 25, 2018, California lawmakers advanced SB 947 through committee. The proposed bill would potentially expand Medi-Cal to eligible individuals regardless of their immigration status. To read the bill text and follow its movement you can visit the California legislative information website here.
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Smart Cities New York Conference
Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Chief, Dr. Linda Lopez, traveled to New York to present at the 2018 Smart Cities conference in partnership with Politico from May 8-10. Her presentation focused on the absence of federal government involvement in the global compact on migration, the greater conversation surrounding finding equitable solutions to the world’s refugee crisis, and how cities are leading to develop innovative models to assist immigrant and refugee integration.

LADWP Citizenship Workshop
On May 12, 2018, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs partnered with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 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 LADWP employees and their family members. This marks the third workshop within city departments provided through this unique partnership.
Cities Taking Action Conference
Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Policy Analyst, Rita Fernandez (left), attended the Cities Taking Action Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from May 21-22. Rita participated in a presentation on municipal best practices in immigrant integration along with Jamie Torres (middle), Deputy Director for the Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships from Denver and Cuc Vu (right), Director of the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Recoding the Republic
On May 31, 2018, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Chief, Dr. Linda Lopez, was interviewed by The Atlantic’s Washington Editor at Large, Steve Clemons, as a member of AtlanticLIVE’s discussion on the topics of Immigration, Education, and Social Mobility at UCLA Luskin Conference Center. You can view the recorded discussion at the AtlanticLIVE Youtube page here.
IN THE NEWS

National

U.S. May Day marchers denounce Trump immigration policies
Reuters
“The biggest gathering was in Los Angeles, where a boisterous but peaceful crowd of several hundred marched through downtown, carrying pro-union and pro-immigration banners while chanting, “Union power” and “This is what democracy looks like.”

New DHS policy could separate families caught crossing the border illegally
CNN
“The Trump administration has decided to refer every person caught crossing the border illegally for federal prosecution, a policy that could result in the separation of far more parents from their children at the border.”

Meeting with California 'sanctuary' foes, Trump calls for probe of Oakland mayor, blasts criminal immigrants as 'animals'
Los Angeles Times
“The session arranged by the White House included Californians who have fought against the state's new "sanctuary" law, which limits communication between local law enforcement and federal immigration agents. Included were elected officials, most of them from conservative areas, and law enforcement officials, all outspoken about their allegiance to Trump.”

The U.S. lost track of 1,475 immigrant children last year. Here’s why people are outraged now.
The Washington Post
“During a Senate committee hearing late last month, Steven Wagner, an official with the Department of Health and Human Services, testified that the federal agency had lost track of 1,475 children who had crossed the U.S.-Mexico border on their own (that is, unaccompanied by adults) and subsequently were placed with adult sponsors in the United States. As the Associated Press reported, the number was based on a survey of more than 7,000 children.”

Los Angeles

Trump Wanted All Muslims To Register With Government: Won’t Happen in LA!
My News LA
“Employees of the city of Los Angeles would be prohibited from participating in any program to register individuals based on their religion or spiritual faith under an ordinance approved Wednesday by the Los Angeles City Council.”
Los Angeles (cont.)

LA County Joins CA Lawsuit Against 2020 Census Question
Courthouse News

“Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to sign on as a plaintiff in California’s lawsuit opposing the inclusion of a question in the 2020 Census that will ask residents about their residency status.”

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.

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