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

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Apprehension, Processing, Care, and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children Comment Period Closing Soon

On September 7, 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) posted a proposed amendment to regulations regarding the apprehension, processing, care, and custody of alien minors and unaccompanied alien children. Under the proposed amendment, the amendment would replace the Flores Settlement Agreement (FSA) guidelines to extend the term of detention beyond the current limit of 20 days and would allow children who have arrived with their parent or legal guardian to be detained together in a family detention center.

The public comment period for the proposed amendment closes on November 6, 2018. You may submit a comment here.

Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds Comment Period Open Now

On October 10, 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security posted a proposed rule change to the Federal Register. Under the proposed policy, anyone applying for Legal Permanent Residence or a visa — whether trying to enter the U.S. or those already living here — could be rejected if their family uses nearly any public benefit. That includes essential services like health care, housing assistance, food aid, and major tax credits created to strengthen middle-income families and children.

The public comment period for the proposed rule closes on December 10, 2018. You may submit a comment here.
THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Mayor Garcetti, Supervisor Solis Denounce Public Charge Rule Change
On October 11, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti, County Supervisor Hilda Solis and immigrant, child and healthcare advocates spoke out against the proposed public charge rule change that would render visa and permanent resident applicants ineligible if they were to use essential public benefits like health care, housing assistance, food aid, and major tax credits created to strengthen middle-income families and children. Angelenos are encouraged to submit a public comment through the lamayor.org/StrongFamiliesLA.

Mayor Garcetti, Human Rights First Visit Adelanto Immigration Detention Facility
On October 23, 2018, Mayor Eric Garcetti toured the Adelanto ICE Processing Center as part of a delegation that included detention experts, philanthropic leaders, attorneys, and mental health professionals organized in collaboration with Human Rights First. The delegation highlighted the need for greater transparency at all ICE facilities; increased access to these centers for elected officials at every level of government; increased pro bono legal representation for asylum seekers and immigrants, and improved care and services for the people housed there. Read a full press release here.
IN THE NEWS

National

For Private Prisons, Detaining Immigrants Is Big Business
The New York Times

"A surging inmate population in the 1980s led to a boom in for-profit prisons. Today, privately run prisons have become the government’s default detention centers for undocumented migrants."

Immigrants pay more than is spent on their healthcare, study shows
Los Angeles Times

"The study in the journal Health Affairs found that immigrants covered by private health insurance and their employers contributed nearly $25 billion more in premiums in 2014 than was paid out on their behalf. Those in the country without legal status contributed nearly $8 billion toward the surplus."

Most of us would fail the U.S. citizenship test, survey finds
NBC News

"The survey, released Oct. 3 by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation with research firm Lincoln Park Strategies, sampled 1,000 American adults, showing that only 36 percent actually passed the test."

Trump Considers Closing Southern Border to Migrants
The New York Times

"President Trump is considering taking executive action to bar migrants, including asylum seekers, from entering the country at the southern border, according to people familiar with the plan. The effort would be the starkest indication yet of Mr. Trump’s election-season push to play to his anti-immigrant base as his party fights to keep control of Congress."
**Los Angeles**

*Immigration sweeps by ICE hit Southern California*

*Los Angeles Times*

"ICE reported similar enforcement efforts across the country. ICE officers arrested 150 people around Los Angeles, 98 people in North Texas and Oklahoma, 105 in Michigan and Ohio and 83 in Wisconsin."

**Trump's Proposed Immigration Change 'A Disgrace' Slam LA Leaders**

*Patch*

"As the Trump administration considers regulations that would make it more difficult for a legal immigrant to stay in the country if they have enrolled in Medicaid or accepted food stamps, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis Thursday denounced the proposal as anti-American and needlessly cruel."

**Truck drivers with temporary immigration status rally for permanent solution**

*Los Angeles Times*

"Under gray skies, a convoy of six tractor-trailers pulled up to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles on Wednesday morning, kicking off a protest to call attention to the plight of hundreds of thousands of legal immigrants — some of them truck drivers — who face deportation when their temporary protected status runs out in the coming months."

**L.A. immigration activist files suit claiming DACA application was rejected as 'political retaliation'**

*Los Angeles Times*

"Claudia Rueda, a 23-year-old Cal State L.A. student, filed the federal lawsuit Tuesday alleging that the government violated its own policies in rejecting her application under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in October of last year."
**VOLUNTEER / EVENTS**

**Mi Vida DACA (My DACA Life)**

Mi Vida DACA is a documentary in progress about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, and the importance of Immigration reform. Born in Jalisco, Mexico and raised in Los Angeles, California, Executive Producer of Mi Vida DACA, Maribel Serrano is a perfect example of the modern day American-raised Latina who is in pursuit of the "American Dream" that so many people aspire to achieve.

A business networking event will be held on November 8th in Downey to benefit the film. To register for the event [click here](#).

**National Immigrant Integration Conference 2018**

NIIC is the largest conference on immigrant and refugee rights and integration in the United States. Now in its 11th year and anchored by the National Partnership for New Americans, NIIC is the key annual gathering for all working on behalf of America's immigrants and refugees. This year’s conference is being held in Arlington, Virginia from December 9-11, 2018. For registration information [click here](#).

**Mayor’s Immigrant Affairs Volunteer Corps**

Sign up for the Mayor’s Office of 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.