



## Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations

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### How is Santa Clara County Supporting its immigrant Population?

#### Proclamations and Resolutions

- April 2016—Santa Clara County was Designated as a Welcoming County under the White House Task Force on New Americans Welcoming Communities Campaign
- Resolution for County of Santa Clara Affirming its Commitment to Central American Refugees—June 2016
- Declaring and Celebrating Immigrant Heritage Month—June 2016
- Declaring the month of August as Muslim Awareness and Appreciation Month
- National Welcoming Week—September 2016
- Resolution Responding to the 2016 Presidential election and Affirming Santa Clara County's Commitment to its Values

#### Santa Clara County Affirms Defense of Its Immigration Policies

- Development of legal strategies that could be used to stop a loss of revenue or protect residents' civil rights.
- Created a Federal Legislative Advocacy Task Force to keep the Board informed about the impacts of anticipated changes in policies, legislation and regulations, and to propose Board actions.
- Developed a plan through the Office of Immigrant Relations aimed to provide information to immigrants in multiple languages about their rights and where to seek services.

#### Litigation

February 2017

- Joined an Amicus Curiae asking the US Supreme Court to uphold important constitutional protections for immigrants held in prolonged mandatory detention by the federal Government
- Filed a Federal Lawsuit against President Trump and members of his administration challenging his January 25, 2017 Executive Order which intended to deny all federal funding to any state and local government that fails to comply with his aggressive immigration enforcement plan.

March 2017

- Joined the Cities of Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City in filing an amicus brief challenging President Trump's renewed attempt at restricting travel into the US from six majority-Muslim nations

#### Legislation

- AB 3—provide training and advise in issues relating to the immigration consequences of criminal convictions to public defenders in the state
- SB 6—Provides funding for universal legal representation for every immigrant detained in California
- SB 31—protects the safe and free exercise of religion by all Californians by ensuring that state and local agencies and personnel do not participate in or use agency resources to create a registry
- SB 54—protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by preventing the use of state and local public resources to aid federal immigration and customs enforcement agents in deportation actions



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### Establishment of the Immigrant Programs Task Force

- Established to foster collaborative partnerships between County departments that provide information to immigrant clients, as well as coordinate language access, data collection, sharing of best practices, and effective outreach.
  - Toolkit for county departments to provide them with resources to assist the immigrants they serve.

### Programs for Immigrant Integration: Promoting Citizenship

- Provide coordinated citizenship services including education, application assistance, and workshops in up to 14 different languages.
- Educate the immigrant community eligible for naturalization about the benefits of becoming naturalized and how they could get involved in their community.

### Legal Services

- Unaccompanied Minors
- Unmet Civil Legal Needs

### Deportation Defense

- Investment of \$3.5 Million to Provide community outreach and legal representation to victims of mass deportation in order to ensure due process at low or no cost.

### Coordination and Collaboration with Schools and School Districts

- Provide culturally competent coordinated services and resource referrals to meet needs with a focus on prevention and early intervention. Foster a positive school climate and culture. Create schools as community hubs to build cohesion and links to services and support in communities. Strengthen the network and its collective impact through policy alignment, clear governance and financial sustainability.
- Santa Clara County Toolkit for School Districts to Support Immigrants Students and their Families  
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Documents/School%20Toolkit%20Final.Final.3.10.17.pdf>

### Response to Current Administration

- Rapid Response Resources
  - What to know about Immigration Raids:  
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Documents/What%20to%20Know%20About%20Immigration%20Raids.pdf>
- Family Preparedness Plan
  - Information and Forms on establishing care and guardianship for a child in case the parent is deported: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/oir.aspx>
- Post-Election Resources for Immigrants: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/oir.aspx>