



# Welcoming Week Celebration in Santa Clara County



Santa Clara County joins more than 150 communities across the United States to celebrate National Welcoming Week. Under the slogan "Connecting neighbors, serving communities," Santa Clara County's Office of Immigrant Relations (OIR) will host several activities beginning on September 15.<sup>th</sup> During this annual series of events, communities bring together immigrants, refugees, and U. S.-born residents to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone. It's a time of immense challenges for the communities we serve, many of whom are living in fear. We are becoming polarized, and many Americans have been uprooted by the sense that they no longer belong. The values we stand for and the people we serve face grave threats. At the same time, many people are standing up for their neighbors and affirming that our country is a place for everyone, weaving together new and longtime residents so that we can all be part of the fabric of our shared future.

## County of Santa Clara Welcoming Week Calendar

### Welcoming Week Display at County of Santa Clara Government Center

**Sep 15-24, 2017**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

County Government Center

70 West Hedding St.

San Jose, California

First Floor, Breezeway

This display contains a welcoming banner, welcoming messages in different languages, immigration history highlights, cultural/ethnic decorations and much needed resources in many languages.

### Connecting Communities with Immigration Legal Services and Other Resources: Lawyers in the Library and Resource Tables

**Sep 15-24, 2017**

#### Lawyers in the Library: Gilroy Library, 350 W 6th St, Gilroy, CA 95020

Immigration lawyers will provide free legal consultations and referrals on a first come-first serve basis during the following times:

**Monday, September 18, 2017**, 4-8:00 PM, Step Forward Lawyers will be present to provide legal assistance

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Catholic Charities' lawyers & BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals) accredited representatives will be available to provide legal assistance

#### Resources in the Library:

Santa Clara County's Office of Immigrant Relations will set up resource tables with information about legal and non-legal services, resources for immigrant professionals, housing, public benefits, citizenship, and protection of civil rights) in the following locations:

**Cupertino Library**, 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014 will host a resource table on **September 19**, 2-6:00 PM

**Los Altos Library**, 13 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022 will host a resource table on **September 22**, 1-6:00 PM and

**Gilroy Library**, 350 W 6th St, Gilroy, CA 95020 on **September 18**, 1-5:00 PM





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## [PSA Announcements Highlighting Santa Clara County's Welcoming Messages](#) Sep 15-24, 2017

### [Welcoming Week Press Conference Focusing on Health Access](#)

Sep 19, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

Santa Clara Valley Specialty Medical Center  
751 S. Bascom Ave, San Jose, CA 95128

This Press Conference reinforces messages of inclusion and County values. These messages include: "Santa Clara County Stands with Immigrants," and "We are doing what we've always done to preserve healthy communities."

### [Film Screening: "8 Borders, 8 Days"](#)

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

County Government Center, Isaac Newton Center  
70 West Hedding St.  
San Jose, California

A film about a single mother named Sham shows us the consequences of closing our doors to families fleeing war. With no answer to her application for resettlement in the US, and every other path to safety closed off, a smuggler's raft to Europe was the only way out. 8 Borders, 8 Days is her story: the intimate details of why a fiercely-determined mother is willing to risk her children's lives for a better future and an immersive experience of their eight-day journey to safety.

### [Connecting Agencies with Resources: Crossroads Between Child Welfare and Immigration](#)

Custody issues in the current environment of immigration enforcement

**September 22, 8:30-12:00 noon**

Social Services Agency Auditorium  
333 W. Julian St., San Jose, CA 95110

**Train the trainer session for invited agencies**

