

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

Federal Updates: (1) DHS will publish the [Federal Register Notice](#) on August 3rd newly designating Haiti for TPS for 18 months. (2) The [State Dept. announced Priority 2 \(P-2\) refugee status](#) for certain Afghans and eligible family members.

State Update: [Medi-Cal](#) will expand [coverage](#) to all low-income Californians 50 years of age and older, regardless of immigration status.

CITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The City of San Diego is bringing back the **Youth Commission** to help amplify the voices of young people at City Hall. If you know interested candidates who are ages 14-22, please share [this application link](#).
- If your organization has questions, concerns, or needs to relay to the **San Diego USCIS field office**, please reach out to Immigrant Affairs Manager, Farhat Popal. The City is dedicated to advocating for our immigrant community and immigrant-serving organizations, and helping relay and resolve issues.
- While the [federal eviction moratorium ended](#) on July 31, the [California eviction moratorium](#) is in place through September 30. The [City of San Diego](#) and [County](#) COVID-19 emergency housing assistance programs can pay **100% of unpaid and future rent** to landlords and tenants for eligible households, [regardless of immigration status](#).

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- DHS has updated their **DACA Frequently Asked Questions** site—see [here](#). See also [Steps to Take if Your DACA Renewal Is Delayed](#) from the National Immigration Law Center.
- A new [Urban Institute report](#) found that **3 in 10 adults** in California immigrant families with low incomes surveyed avoided public benefit programs or other assistance in 2020 because of green card or other immigration concerns. The report includes a section on opportunities for outreach and trust-building.
- The County of San Diego launched [Vaccines for all Ages and Stages of Life](#), a website that includes information and resources about **immunizations recommended** throughout different stages of life.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The [San Diego County District Attorney's Community Grant Program \(CGP\)](#) seeks to engage San Diego County community-based organizations to identify and implement **new and innovative methods to address community safety** and expand community assets. **Grant funding up to \$50,000** will be provided to participating organizations for a maximum of one year to grow promising community-based solutions that produce positive results in the following **focus areas: youth and family support, environmental justice, protecting vulnerable youth, and victim support**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Virtual New Asylee Orientation** (August 3, 10 am-12:30 pm PT), hosted by the California Department of Public Health's Office of Refugee Health, San Francisco Department of Public Health's Newcomers Health Program, IRC San Jose, IRC Turlock and the language access organization Tarjimly. It will be held live in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. Register [here](#).
- The 18th Annual **Immigration Law and Policy Conference** hosted by CLINIC, MPI, and Georgetown University Law Center will be held virtually on Sept. 27-28. More info on registration, agenda, and speakers to follow.
- IRC San Diego is urgently hiring a **Senior Program Officer for Asylum and Protection**—see [here](#) for details.

If someone at your organization would like to receive this update, you have ideas for improvement, or you no longer wish to receive these updates, please email Farhat Popal, Immigrant Affairs Manager, at FPopal@sandiego.gov.