WELCOMING SAN DIEGO

City of San Diego Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the <u>automatic</u> <u>extension of TPS designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua,</u> <u>and Sudan</u>. TPS beneficiaries from these 6 countries will retain their status, provided they continue to meet individual requirements for TPS eligibility. The automatic extension of TPS-related documentation includes Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) through Dec. 31, 2022. DHS also posted the <u>Federal Register notice</u> with information on how to register for TPS for Haiti.

CITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The City of San Diego is now able to provide translation services in over 200 languages when the need arises. If you wish to use these services please contact the City Clerk's office via e-mail at cityclerk@sandiego.gov or by calling 619-533-4000 in advance of a Council Meeting to ensure the best possible service and a smooth process. Additionally, the City has <u>updated our</u> <u>website</u> to include information regarding Public Comment language access for City Council Meetings in eight languages.
- Mayor Todd Gloria is creating a <u>middle-income housing working group</u> as part of the **Homes for All of Us** initiative, consisting of 22 representatives from various sectors who will meet between Sept.-Nov. 2021 to prepare recommendations that can be acted upon quickly by the Mayor and City Council.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

According to a <u>new report by New American Economy</u>, immigrants make up more than 1 in 8 education sector workers. As of 2019, there are over 2.1 million immigrants working as teachers, professors, and other staffers in the U.S. education system. Within the education sector, the two fields with the highest shares of immigrant workers are higher education and childcare. There are almost 785,000 immigrants working at U.S. colleges and universities, making up more than 1 in 6 workers in higher education. Meanwhile, more than 1 out of 5 are childcare workers. Undocumented workers make up more than 4 percent of the childcare workforce. Foreign-born individuals also play a significant role as students, but COVID-19 has negatively impacted their enrollment. In 2019, there were more than 427,000 undocumented students studying in colleges and universities, including almost 182,000 DACA-eligible students. Overall, undocumented students made up 2% of all students in higher education, and DACA-eligible students made up 0.8% of all students.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

• The City of San Diego in partnership with The San Diego Foundation is pleased to provide the **Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund**. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 by 5 p.m. See <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> for more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- On September 8, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) hosted the webinar "Afghan Arrivals: What Counties Need to Know" - you can watch the recording <u>here</u>, read the bulletin summary <u>here</u>, and slides <u>here</u>. CSAC will continue to work with federal and state partners to clarify questions and concerns as California Counties prepare to welcome new neighbors from Afghanistan. Reach out to Farrah McDaid Ting, CSAC Senior Legislative Representative, at fmcting@counties.org with additional questions/information.
- <u>Upwardly Global</u> has helped over 1,900 translators, engineers, nonprofit workers, and embassy clerks who came to the U.S. on Special Immigrant Visas with their **professional job search needs**. You can find ways to partner <u>here</u>.
- IRC San Diego is hiring for a number of positions as preparations continue for increased Afghan arrivals. Please see <u>here</u>.