



City of San Diego Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

The Biden administration [will provide government-funded legal representation to certain unaccompanied immigrant children in deportation proceedings in 8 U.S. cities—including San Diego—as part of the Counsel for Children Initiative, an effort to boost legal access in the immigration court system. \[Note: this news link was included in the White House “Immigration Weekly Recap” for Oct. 10.\]](#)

On Oct. 8, President Biden [revised the Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions for Fiscal Year 2022 to 125,000, in accordance with the following regional allocations.](#)

Africa	40,000
East Asia	15,000
Europe and Central Asia	10,000
Latin America/Caribbean	15,000
Near East/South Asia	35,000
Unallocated Reserve	10,000

Reversing its 2019 announcement that it would terminate this program, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will continue the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) program. See [here](#) for more information.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- [Mayor Gloria was recently in Washington, DC](#) lobbying officials on [4 key issues](#): (1) **housing and homelessness**, (2) federal investment in **infrastructure**, (3) lifting prohibitions on **non-essential travel at the border**, and (4) more funding for alleviating **cross-border pollution** at the Tijuana River Valley.
- Meet the new members of the **City’s revamped Youth Commission** [here](#).

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- Border Angels put together a great **Asylum Resources** page [here](#).
- New American Economy [released](#) their **2021 NAE Cities Index**, an assessment of how immigrants fare in the largest 100 U.S. cities. Here are the **5 cities most successful at integration**: (1) Chicago, IL; (2) Chula Vista, CA & Fremont, CA; (3) New York, NY; (4) San Jose, CA & Jersey City, NJ; (5) Baltimore, MD.
- According to a [new RAND report](#), as of March 2020, there were an estimated **321,000 undocumented and asylum-seeking children from Mexico and the Northern Triangle (Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador) enrolled in U.S. K–12 public schools**. Federal law guarantees these students' right to an education, and states and districts can apply for grants for assistance, as well as information and networking for support. Case studies in Louisiana and California show that schools apply multiple approaches to meeting the needs of these students, but federal assistance is insufficient, and schools need more teaching materials and better training.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The City of San Diego has released guidelines for **two funding opportunities to support arts and culture activities**, programming and projects that will take place between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Guidelines for the funding opportunities can be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is Oct. 31, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- **October 14 (4 pm):** [Afghan Legal Representation Webinar](#); will be translated to Pashto and Dari. [We are All America, Human Rights First, Pangea Legal, Elena's Light, and Refugee Congress]
- **October 16 (2-6 pm):** Free COVID-19 Vaccine & Testing Event at Masjid Al Huda, 4175 Bonillo Drive, San Diego, CA 92115. Call (619) 285-5644. [Somali Family Service, Champions for Health, MAS-PACE, Huda Community Center]
- **October 19 (2:30-5 pm):** [Public Benefits Education Workshop](#), provided in English with interpretation in Somali and Swahili. [Somali Family Service]

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