

# City of San Diego

## Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

**Beginning in November, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will [allow fully vaccinated travelers from Mexico or Canada to enter the United States at land and ferry points of entry for non-essential reasons](#). In early January 2022, DHS will require that all inbound foreign national travelers crossing U.S. land or ferry points of entry – whether for essential or non-essential reasons – be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.**

**The Biden administration will halt massive worksite immigration raids while it prepares policies offering deportation protection to undocumented immigrants who report their employers for labor abuses, [according to an agency memo](#).**

**Congress is continuing to pursue different options to include protections for undocumented immigrants in the Build Back Better reconciliation package, including a work authorization program and protection from deportation. Immigration Hub put together a helpful one-pager [here](#).**

### CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- Visit the new and improved [J Street Mini Park](#) in the Stockton neighborhood! Earlier this year, Mayor Gloria launched [Parks for All of Us](#), an initiative that includes an update of the City of San Diego Parks Master Plan to prioritize park improvements in park-deficient and historically underserved communities.
- This week, Mayor Gloria participated in a [roundtable discussion](#) convened by the California Attorney General on [combatting hate crimes](#). Victims or witnesses of a hate crime are encouraged to call 1-800-CALL-FBI or [submit a tip](#), and may do so anonymously and in their native language.
- See [here](#) for the City's progress in implementing Mayor Gloria's police and public safety reform package.

### NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- New American Economy [analyzed data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and American Community Survey](#) on the U.S.' fruit and vegetable supply, the workers who harvest these crops, and trends affecting America's agriculture industry over the past decade. They found that immigrants play a crucial role in our nation's food supply chain, and will continue to do so as essential workers harvesting America's fruits and vegetables.
- Migration Policy Institute compiled comprehensive statistics on Afghan immigrants in the U.S. that can be found [here](#).
- Do you know about the [Only in America podcast](#), hosted by the [National Immigration Forum](#)? Take a listen.

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The City of San Diego has released guidelines for two funding opportunities to support arts and culture activities, between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Guidelines can be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is Oct. 31, 2021.
- The San Diego Workforce Partnership has announced two [RFPs to provide employment services in San Diego County](#) through their career centers. Proposals are due December 10.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- The San Diego College of Continuing Education has [free English as a Second Language classes](#) (beginning, intermediate, and advanced) starting in October, November, and December.
- The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services [COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force will hold a virtual meeting](#) on October 28. The meeting is open to the public and [will be live-streamed](#).
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will hold a [webinar and Q&A session on parole for Afghan nationals](#) on Nov. 5 from 11 am-12:30 pm PT.

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