

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Mayorkas issued a [new memorandum](#) to terminate the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program. Note that the termination of MPP will not take effect until the [current injunction](#) is lifted.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has updated the [Policy Manual](#) to clarify the types of evidence that can be submitted as part of Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) applications, including steps applicants must take if they cannot submit primary evidence of Liberian nationality. The current deadline for the LRIF program is Dec. 20, 2021. USCIS will hold a national stakeholder webinar on Nov. 17, from 11-12:30 pm PT. More information is available [here](#).

Following an [administrative complaint](#) filed by ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial Counties (ACLU) and Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS), members of Congress led by Sen. Blumenthal of Connecticut [sent a letter](#) to DHS Secretary Mayorkas demanding policy changes instructing against the detention of pregnant people in U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody. See more [here](#).

DHS Secretary Mayorkas issued a [new policy](#) to guide Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and CBP enforcement actions in or near protected areas, including new designations such as places where children gather, disaster or emergency relief sites, and social services establishments.

[Here's](#) an overview of the Build Back Better Framework's provisions for California.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- The City of San Diego is accepting nominations for the Human Relations Commission annual awards, which recognize individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to peace, social justice, and human and civil rights in San Diego. Residents and community members are encouraged to submit nominations [here](#).
- The San Diego Police Department is rolling out an [anonymous online survey](#) to gauge whether residents believe the city's police are effective, whether they trust the department and whether they feel safe in their neighborhoods. The survey comes in seven languages, and ads will be across a variety of platforms.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- An [analysis by the Migration Policy Institute](#) finds that 9.5 million working-age immigrant adults (19 to 64) had incomes that met state eligibility thresholds for Medicaid in 2019. But 45 percent of them did not qualify due to immigration-status restrictions. In addition, federally excluded income-eligible immigrant adults are more likely to be Latino or Asian than income-eligible U.S.-born adults.
- A new report by the Council on American-Islamic Relations in California (CAIR-CA) in California found that [more than half of Muslim students surveyed say they experienced faith-based bullying](#), a figure that is more than twice the rate of national statistics. Some 55 percent of all respondents surveyed reported feeling unsafe, unwelcome, or uncomfortable at school in California because of their Muslim identity. This is the highest reported level since CAIR-CA began conducting its biennial surveys in 2013.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- 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

- On Saturday, Nov. 6 (9 am-12 pm), the Welcome Newcomer Network is hosting a drive-thru Multicultural Festival celebrating the diverse cultural communities in El Cajon. The drive thru will offer food, resources, COVID-19 and Flu vaccines, children's activities, music and more. See attached flyer.

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.