

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

[Court-ordered re-implementation of the Migration Protection Protocols \(MPP\) program](#) will begin on or around Dec.6. Once fully operational, MPP enrollments will take place across the Southwest Border, and returns to Mexico will take place at seven ports of entry, including San Diego.

The City of San Diego [submitted a written public comment](#) in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in response to the Department of Homeland Security's [notice of proposed rulemaking](#).

The Department of Labor announced their final rule that will [raise the hourly minimum wage to \\$15/hour for employees on federal contracts](#) beginning on January 30, 2022.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- The City of San Diego released its annual [Five-Year Financial Outlook](#) for fiscal years (FY) 2023 to 2027. The report forecasts that the City's General Fund revenues will reach pre-pandemic levels by FY2023.
- The City is looking to fill hundreds of [paid internships and entry-level positions](#) with the potential for career advancement.
- As part of his efforts to engage more young people in civic issues, Mayor Gloria has launched the "Mayor for a Day" contest - more info [here](#) and apply [here](#).

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

This week's highlighted reports honor the [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#). 2021 marks the [30th anniversary](#) of this annual event.

- [Gender-Based Violence against Women: Both Cause for Migration and Risk along the Journey](#) from the Migration Policy Institute explores the rates of gender violence among refugee, asylee, and migrant women; avenues of immigration available to survivors in the United States; and supports offered once women are lawfully admitted. Between 60-80% of female migrants traveling through Mexico are raped along the way, according to estimates from a study by Amnesty International and reporting by Fusion.
- An [analysis in The New Humanitarian](#) explores the long, uneven path to gender-based asylum in the United States.

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

- Somali Family Service has openings for eligible community members to enroll in the Black Immigrant and Refugee Equity (BIRE) project. This program provides educational workshops, assistance with employment and professional development, and more. Please call (619) 265-5821.
- Through the Asylum Seeker Health Screening (ASHS) Project, adult and minor-aged asylum seekers can get enrolled in health care coverage, receive health screenings and treatment, and get linked to primary care. Call (619) 906-5363 for insurance enrollment or (619) 515-2525 for general information.
- Jewish Family Service, through the San Diego for Every Child initiative, is embarking on a pilot project to provide a guaranteed income to a small group of San Diego County residents, and to research the impact that this income has for these families. See the flyer attached to this email for more information. Deadline to apply is Monday, Dec. 6 at 11:59 pm.
- The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has produced client-facing one-pagers ([English-Dari](#) and [English-Pashto](#)), which explain health coverage at the Safe Havens and upon resettlement for Afghan evacuees.

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.