

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

Chris Magnus—former Police Chief of Tucson, Arizona—was sworn in as the [new Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#).

During the first-ever White House Maternal Health Day of Action, the Biden administration [announced new commitments](#) to support safe pregnancies and childbirth, and reduce complications and mortality in the year following birth. The U.S. [maternal mortality rate](#) is the highest among industrialized countries, and there are vast racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and urban-rural [inequities](#).

The Biden administration released an updated [National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#) that focuses on addressing the needs of underserved individuals, families, and communities.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- [Here](#) is an overview of Mayor Gloria's accomplishments during his first 100 days in office.
- Last week, Secretary Mayorkas of the Department of Homeland Security [visited San Diego](#) to celebrate the border reopening [with Mayor Gloria](#).
- Also last week, Mayor Gloria, Councilmember Moreno, and other leaders met with [Secretary Haaland](#) of the Department of the Interior to announce [grant funding for new parks and environmental conservation](#); \$25 million will go toward disadvantaged communities throughout San Diego County.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- [The Invisible Work of Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers and Its Importance for Immigrant and Dual Language Learner Families](#) from the Migration Policy Institute discusses the barriers that these providers often face in accessing the resources needed to sustain their activities, and highlights promising practices from several states that could be expanded and replicated to effectively support immigrant-serving care providers and families.
- [Beyond Work: Reducing Social Isolation for Refugee Women and Other Marginalized Newcomers](#) discusses what works and why among small-scale community integration programs for refugee women and others.
- Welcoming America's [Inclusive Emergency Management with Immigrant and Refugee Populations](#) Toolkit is now available in [Spanish](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Through the [Good Jobs Challenge](#), the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is allocating \$500 million to collaborative skills training systems and programs. EDA encourages efforts to reach historically underserved populations and areas, communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers. Application deadline is January 26, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- Through the North Central Communities in Action Program, [Jewish Family Service](#) provides free resources for low- and moderate-income families living in specific zip codes. See the flyer attached to this email.
- The Department of Justice released a [fact sheet](#) with more information for employers on I-9 and employment eligibility of Afghan parolees. The document provides guidance for hiring and paying workers given the delays in Social Security cards and numbers and/or employment authorization documents.
- The County Registrar of Voters is holding Public Consultation Meetings to inform the public about the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) and how to provide input on the voting model. See the flyers attached to this email for details.
- Do you receive the [IRC San Diego Community Resources Newsletter](#)? If not, sign up at the bottom of the page linked above.

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.