

# City of San Diego

## Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

In mid-December, the Senate Parliamentarian issued a third [negative decision](#) on the inclusion of immigration provisions in the Build Back Better (BBB) package. Senate passage of BBB is currently uncertain.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced its commitment to adopt a definition of statelessness for immigration purposes and [enhance protections for stateless individuals](#) living in the United States.

DHS [plans to make available](#) an additional 20,000 H-2B temporary nonagricultural worker visas for FY2022. The additional 13,500 visas will be available only to returning workers who received an H-2B visa/were granted H-2B status during one of the last three fiscal years (FY 2019, 2020, or 2021). The remaining 6,500 visas are reserved for nationals of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Haiti.

The Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement has published a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) describing changes to the public charge rule.

[Here](#) is an overview of U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services efforts in FY2021.

### CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- Mayor Gloria's State of the City Address will be held virtually on January 12 at 6 pm. RSVP [here](#) for a direct link. You can also watch on [CityTV](#).
- The City's Boards and Commissions are [seeking new members](#). Apply [here](#).
- The [Barrio Logan Community Plan Update was signed into law](#), replacing a 43-year old blueprint with one focused on addressing environmental justice.

### NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- [Relaunching the Central American Minors Program: Opportunities to Enhance Child Safety and Family Reunification](#) from the Migration Policy Institute examines the track record and challenges of the original version of CAM and policy changes for the new program.
- [The Community Toolkit for Addressing Health Misinformation](#) from the Office of the Surgeon General provides specific guidance and resources for health care providers, educators, librarians, faith leaders, and trusted community members to understand, identify, and stop the spread of health misinformation in their communities. [The toolkit will be available in Spanish soon](#).

### 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

- The CA Office of Refugee Health, San Francisco Newcomer's Health Program, and San Francisco Asylum Office are holding a virtual orientation for individuals with asylum status on January 11 at 10 am PT. Register [here](#). Please see the flyers in 6 languages attached to this email for details on simplified enrollment into Health Care for Asylum Seekers who reside in San Diego County.
- IRC offers free virtual citizenship classes beginning the week of January 10. Please see the attached flyer. To join, please call, text, or email the instructor, Christina, at 619-340-8498 or [Christina.Augsburger@rescue.org](mailto:Christina.Augsburger@rescue.org).
- USCIS' Community Relations Office offers virtual webinars on a variety of topics. Please see the flyer attached to this email for the January schedule of webinars and how to sign up.
- See this [Spanish-language video](#) through the Kaiser Family Foundation's [Greater Than COVID project](#) about vaccines for 5-11 year-olds.

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