

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

The [Executive Office for Immigration Review \(EOIR\)](#) announced that it is postponing certain immigration court hearings due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. This policy is effective Jan. 10 through Jan. 31, 2022. The postponed/rescheduled cases includes non-detained cases without a lawyer or other representative of record.

The [Supreme Court heard two cases today](#) that could impact thousands of unauthorized immigrants detained in the United States. Plaintiffs in *Garland v. Gonzalez* and *Johnson v. Arteaga-Martinez* argue that immigrants held in detention for longer than six months are entitled to a bond hearing.

California would allow all income-eligible residents to qualify for the state's healthcare program for low-income people [regardless of immigration status](#) under Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- A reminder that [Mayor Gloria's State of the City Address](#) will be held virtually on January 12 at 6 pm. RSVP [here](#), watch on [CityTV](#) or the CW local channel.
- The City published the results of its first-ever Inclusion & Belonging Pilot Pulse Survey of City employees. Details [here](#).
- Join the San Diego Public Library's [2022 Winter Reading Challenge](#)! *Read for a Better World* encourages readers of all ages to explore diversity, empathy, and action through literature from Jan. 1-31. Prizes included.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- A [new report by the International Refugee Assistance Project \(IRAP\)](#) offers 22 recommendations to the Biden administration to address current challenges and improve the refugee resettlement program in 2022 and beyond.
- This [San Diego 101 podcast](#) by Voice of San Diego discusses 2020 Census data, the growing diversity in San Diego, and what we still have to learn about our region's population.
- World Education Services (WES) conducted a survey of internationally-educated immigrant students to learn more about their needs and preferences. You can find their recommendations [here](#).

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 under-served populations and areas, communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers. Application deadline is January 26, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- [Kid by Kid](#) connects middle and high school students with under-served elementary and middle school-aged immigrant, refugee, and ESL students to provide life-changing academic support. Get in touch at info@kidbykid.org.
- NCRC's Refugee Work Readiness Exchange helps new arrivals prepare for successful communication and conflict resolution in the workplace. This course is for any refugees/asylees/SIVs/Haitian & Cuban entrants who have arrived in the last 5 years, are not yet U.S. citizens, and who have dependent children under 18 years old in the home. Please see the flyers attached to this email.
- See [here](#) for the latest IRC San Diego Community Resources Newsletter, including COVID-19 testing and vaccination resources.
- The San Diego Hunger Coalition has compiled and simplified information regarding Public Charge and food assistance resources for immigrants, refugees and mixed status households, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- The San Diego College of Continuing Education provides "English for Parents" courses—see the flyer attached to this email.

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.