

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

You can watch President Biden's State of the Union address [here](#), or read it [here](#).

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [announced](#) a new designation of Sudan and an extension/redesignation of South Sudan for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will hold a [listening session](#) on immigration [protections for stateless individuals](#) living in the U.S. on March 8.

The U.S. Census Bureau [will release the first set of results](#) from the 2020 Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) and Demographic Analysis (DA) estimates on March 10. The first release of PES results will provide national estimates of population coverage overall and by demographic groups, as well as age groups and sex.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees/UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) published a [position statement on returns to Ukraine](#).

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- Mayor Gloria [sent a letter](#) to the California Public Utilities Commission to quickly identify measures to provide relief to San Diego customers facing spikes in their SDG&E bills due to soaring natural gas prices and rate hikes.
- Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, in partnership with Mayor Gloria and City Attorney Mara W. Elliott, [announced legislation](#) to prevent individuals convicted of specified crimes from possessing a firearm in California.
- City Council [approved](#) the new [Street Vendor Ordinance](#) this week.
- City Council formally accepted [\\$8.3 million in additional aid](#) to help low-income tenants pay rent and utility bills during the pandemic.
- The City of San Diego Public Library kicked off its annual [Spring into STEAM](#) challenge, offering in-person and virtual workshops to strengthen students' STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) skills.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- [According to the Pew Research Center](#), around four-in-ten Latinos in the U.S. worry that they or someone close to them could be deported. About half of immigrant Latinos (51%) say they worry a lot or some that they or someone they know could be deported – a higher share than among U.S.-born Latinos, 28% of whom say they have the same concerns.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [We Are All America's Opportunity For All Table \(OFA\)](#) is launching the [Ethnic Based Community Organization \(ECBO\) pilot program](#). The \$3,000 mini-grants will be awarded to 3 projects and will support ECBOs that are involved in local refugee and immigrant advocacy and policy efforts. Proposals will be accepted until March 15, and awardees will be notified on March 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- The next [New Asylee Orientation](#) will be held on March 8 (10:00 am-12:30 pm).
- [Nova Credit](#) is a cross-border fintech that helps newcomers and other global citizens apply for financial services using their international credit history.
- The Aspen Institute is inviting established nonprofits to join a [pilot, four-month, virtual accelerator program to scale projects that improve digital equity](#) for the communities they serve. Applications accepted until March 21.
- The [#CaliforniansForAll College Corps](#) will help create debt-free pathways to college while engaging students across the state in solving problems in their communities. UCSD and the University of San Diego are partner campuses.
- The [Refugee Leadership Development Program](#) provides monthly workshops to refugee and immigrant organizers across the United States
- [SIATech](#) offers a free high school diploma pathway for 16-24 year-olds.
- [Somali Family Service](#) offers [youth engagement opportunities](#). See attached.
- Jewish Family Service is [hiring part-time outreach workers](#) under the Breaking Down Barriers program, an outreach and education program that works with underserved communities to talk about mental wellness.

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.