

San Mateo County Immigrant Forum

October 17, 2024

Virtual Meeting

ILRC Updates:

- **Settlement for Garcia Perez litigation-pending asylum case. Approved the final settlement 6 years from the approval or 4 year.**
- **Asylum clock after 2020 trump rule**
 - Wait 180 days until employment authorization.
 - The clock can be stopped if there are any “applicant delays”. Hard for an applicant to know when the clock stopped.
- **Under the new ruling:**
 - Immigration judges will now have to provide applicants an opportunity to challenge clock stoppages.
 - Using the EOIR website, applicants can request adjournment code history and code history will be available online.
 - Create mechanisms for people to correct clock stoppage.
 - Special notices for subclass members.
- **Circumvention of lawful pathway rule:**
 - June 4th Interim Final Rule
 - May 2025 sunset date remove.
 - Expand land border to all southern borders.
 - Additional restrictions on asylum under emergency circumstances in southern border.
 - Threshold to trigger emergency asylum limits is lowered to an average of 1,500 people or fewer apprehended per day.
 - Once triggered, the limitations of entry must remain in place for a minimum of 21 days.
 - Unaccompanied minors will be counted for this average daily crossing, but this restriction does not apply to unaccompanied children.
 - Individuals must affirmatively disclose they are afraid to return to be screened for asylum. They must affirmatively acknowledge this without the officer asking.
 - Individual who are not eligible for asylum will be served with an immediate removal orders, permanently shutting them out of the asylum system.
 - Individuals can access ports of entry under emergency boarder circumstances by requesting an appointment through the CBP One app.
 - New rule changes will lead to long wait in possible unsafe environment.
 - Most restrictive asylum rule in recent years.
- **Oct 10 – 5th circuit DACA case.**
 - Texas and New Jersey presented evidence. 8 – 1 Texas did not have standing to challenge.
- **Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans Parole Program (CHNV)**
 - Allows eligible individuals from these four countries to come to the US for a period of up to two years if they have a US sponsor, also known as the humanitarian parole.



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- 500 thousand paroles will lose or be impacted by the new rule to not extend the parole protections that were in place.
- CHNV will need to find alternative ways to become continue with legal status, a few options are:
 1. File of permanent residency
 2. Some countries (Haiti or Venezuela) offer TPS
 3. Apply for Asylum

USCIS Updates:

- **USCIS Website** [English](#)
- **USCIS Website** [Spanish](#)
- **National Webinars**
 - Engagements in [Spanish](#)
 - Engagements in [English](#)
- **Online PDF Intake Option National Stakeholder Engagement Thursday, Oct. 31, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm PST**
 - USCIS will provide a step-by-step overview of how to use the new PDF intake option in the USCIS online account. PDF intake will only be available for individuals filing Form I-765 in the a(12), c(8), c(9), c(11) and c(19) categories. Eligible applicants will also be able to file a fee waiver request through the PDF intake option. Fee exempt EAD categories such as c(9) should not be submitted through the PDF filing option. To register, click [here](#).
- **Local Outreach**
 - Click [here](#) for full calendar.
- **Asylum Overview** - Thursday, October 17 at 5:00 pm PST
 - Webex, Meeting number: 2831 598 9763, and password: mQr4nqqZf@48 (67746779 when dialing from a phone or video system)
- **Temporary Protected Status Overview**- Thursday, October 24 at 5:00PM PST
 - Webex, Meeting number: 2830 651 3850, and password: YPg7NcFjR55@ (97476235 when dialing from a phone or video system)
- **How to Become a U.S. Citizenship**- Thursday, October 31 at 5:00 pm PST
 - Webex, Meeting number: 2825 217 0436, and password: AGshJXdP?364 (24745937 when dialing from a phone or video system)

Announcements:

- [All news](#)
- **USCIS Issues New Guidance on EB-1 Eligibility Criteria for Individuals with Extraordinary Ability, announced on October 2, 2024**
 - USCIS is issuing policy guidance in our Policy Manual to further clarify the types of evidence that we may evaluate to determine eligibility for extraordinary ability (E11) EB-1 immigrant visa classifications. This new guidance builds on a previous EB-1 policy update, providing more clarity and transparency to assist petitioners in submitting appropriate evidence that may establish the beneficiary's eligibility: <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-6-part-f-chapter-2>.



- **On September 18, 2024 announced USCIS Extends Green Card Validity Extension to 36 Months for Green Card Renewals**

 - Effective Sept. 10, 2024, USCIS automatically extended the validity of Permanent Resident Cards (also known as Green Cards) to 36 months for lawful permanent residents who file Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.
 - Lawful permanent residents who properly file Form I-90 to renew an expiring or expired Green Card may receive this extension. Form I-90 receipt notices had previously provided a 24-month extension of the validity of a Green Card. USCIS has updated the language on Form I-90 receipt notices to extend the validity of a Green Card for 36 months from the expiration date on the face on the face of the current Green Card for individuals with a newly filed Form I-90 renewal request.

- **On August 30, 2024, announced to Open a USCIS International Field Office in Quito, Ecuador**

 - USCIS opened a new international field office in Quito, Ecuador on Sept. 10. The Quito Field Office will focus on increasing refugee processing capacity, consistent with USCIS commitments under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, and helping reunite individuals with their family members already in the United States.
 - With a field office in Ecuador, USCIS staff will be able to provide immigration expertise to U.S. embassy and regional partners in support of the *Oficinas de Movilidad Segura*, or Safe Mobility Offices, in Ecuador.
 - The Safe Mobility initiative facilitates expedited refugee processing through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and provides information and referrals to other lawful migration pathways to the United States and other countries.
 - In addition to supporting refugee processing in Ecuador and the region, USCIS staff will focus on family reunification work and resume other critical USCIS duties at the embassy.
 - Some tasks can include interviewing and processing Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition, fingerprinting beneficiaries of certain USCIS applications, overseeing collection of DNA samples, and performing essential fraud detection activities.

- **Keeping Families Together Administrative Stay Remains in Effect Through Sept. 23, 2024**

 - On Aug. 26, 2024, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, in [Texas v. Department of Homeland Security, Case Number 24-cv-306](#), administratively stayed DHS from granting parole in place under Keeping Families Together for 14 days. Subsequently, the court issued another order, and the administrative stay remains in effect through Sept. 23, 2024.
 - To comply with the district court's administrative stay, USCIS will, not grant any pending parole in place requests under Keeping Families Together, continue to accept filings of Form I-131F, Application for Parole in Place for Certain Noncitizen Spouses and Stepchildren of U.S. Citizens, and continue to schedule biometric appointments and capture biometrics at Application Support Centers (ASCs).



- The district court's administrative stay order does not affect any applications that were approved before the administrative stay order was issued at 6:46 p.m. Eastern Time on Aug. 26, 2024.

Health Equity Initiative- Latino Collaborative

- See slides for detailed information.
- Anyone interested in attending any of the 9 HEI County Health initiatives can contact tbell1@smcgov.org
- To review the slides, click [here](#).

Women, Infant and Children (WIC)

- See slides for detailed information.
- To refer clients, have them call 650-573-2168 or they can email: WIC@smcgov.org
- To review slides, click [here](#).

Partner Updates:

- Kara is holding there Virtual meeting on Duelo Ambiguo on October 22, 2024 6:30pm-8:30pm, click [here](#) to view the flyer.
- College Students and their families looking for Legal Services can make an appointment, click [here](#).
- Sana Sana event will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12:30pm-3:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club in Redwood City, click [here](#) for the flyer.
- If you would like a copy of the Rapid Response information or Red Card information, click [here](#). For non-profits, you can order copies in many different languages, click [here](#).
- San Mateo County Health is offering Free Flu and COVID-19 vaccines through their Healthcare Clinics on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 10am-12pm. Click [here](#) to post the flyers.
- Health Plan of San Mateo has put together a list of Dental providers who accept HSPM, click [here](#) to view.
- Stanford has put together a guide of healthcare clinics for newcomers in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, click [here](#) to view.

