



May 8-14 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

May 1st -- 41 states and 265 events, hundreds of thousands turned out Rise Up marches, rallies and community events. We certainly need to continue this. Adapted from Reform Immigration for America

Approximately 8.8 million lawful permanent residents are currently eligible to apply for citizenship, and our IGA partners play a key role in citizenship education and preparation. From **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

New Jersey faith leaders – imams, pastors, priests and rabbis – came together to express solidarity with immigrants targeted by the Trump administration's immigrant enforcement policies. "Not on our watch will anyone have to stand or fight alone," said Bethany Baptist Church pastor, <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/we-are-no-cardinal-tobin-says-faith-leaders-vow-support-immigrants>.

Action One: Prayer -- Mother's Day

God of dignity and life, today we honor the mothers, who have born and raised us, who shaped us into who we are today. We remember the struggle of so many mothers to raise their children, especially those who have seen their families torn apart from our brother immigration system. Some mothers are ripped away from their children by deportations, others miss their husband who might have died in the desert while trying to join their families in the United States, God we pray for all those mothers in our country struggling for their families. May you bless them all this Mother's Day. From Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Send a postcard to a congressional leader that needs to stand with immigrants!

<https://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/rise-up/#postcard>

Please sign this petition before tomorrow morning to stop expansion of ICE beds in Orange County, CA

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/orange-county-board-of?source=c.url&r_by=18338033

If you want to learn more, here is a link to CIVIC's CRCL complaint against Theo Lacy in Dec 2015:

http://www.endisolation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Complaint_TheoLacy_Final_Dec2015.pdf

Call DHS Secretary Kelly and the White House to Extend TPS Protections for Haiti

DHS Comment Line: (202) 282-8495 and White House Comment Line: (202) 456-1111 (please leave a message) Sample Script: *"I'm from [City, State, Congregation/Community] and as a person of faith, I urge DHS Secretary Kelly to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians for at least another 18 months. Current conditions in Haiti – such as food insecurity and hunger, the cholera epidemic, and economic instability – exacerbated by Hurricane Matthew – make it unsafe for anyone to be deported to Haiti. Haitians are fleeing catastrophic conditions and should be allowed to remain in the United States."*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel: Expand Sanctuary City: <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/chicago-welcoming-city/?t=3&akid=7301.364373.fOawc2>

CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY! Your Senators and Representatives: (866) 961-4293* **Please call this line 3 times to be connected with your 1 Representative and 2 Senators*
Sample Script: "I'm your constituent from [City, State, Zip Code], and I urge you to NOT fund President Trump's deportation force and detention centers, and instead do everything in your power to rescind his immigration and refugee executive orders. Our tax dollars should be spent alleviating poverty and investing in our future — not rounding up our community members. My community welcomes refugees and immigrants."

Action Three: Education

Reflections from the Border: Life at the Tijuana Border in the Era of President Trump <http://cmsny.org/life-at-tijuana-border/>.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites federal, state, local, territorial and tribal stakeholders to participate in a quarterly intergovernmental affairs (IGA) engagement on Wednesday, May 24, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern. Learn about USCIS resources available to support and enhance your efforts to promote citizenship. During the webinar, subject matter experts will provide an overview of the naturalization process and discuss how to assist aspiring citizens and how to avoid immigration fraud. Registration: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCISINVITE/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSCISINVITE_295

Inside California's largest immigration detention center https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/inside-californias-largest-immigration-detention-center?utm_campaign=web-share&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter

Action Four: Actions/Events

Last year's move to the **US/Mexico border** was the culmination of SOA Watch's commitment to evidence the continued influence of US economic and security policies in the militarization of Latin America, its' most visible consequences being forced migration from Central America and the Caribbean. **We are very excited for our 2nd Encuentro at the Border in Ambos Nogales, November 10-12, 2017!** At the heart of the Border Encuentro we seek to increase awareness of the militarization of the- U.S./Mexico border and Latin America, as well as the criminalization of migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and people of color.

Join us between May 8th – May 15th for a #NoMuslimBanEver campaign to raise awareness and continue the resistance against the Muslim and refugee bans. Let's make sure that the courts and the country hears the voices of affected communities and allies in declaring: **No Muslim Ban. Ever.**

Action Five: Social Media:

.@WhiteHouse As a person of faith I want you to use your authority to alleviate th pain of undocumented mothers, #keep families together.

.@WhiteHouse Too many families are separated this#MotherDays. Our nation's families need relief#familyunity **Thank you for your efforts!**