



April 27 – May 3, 2020

What's Happening?

Trump blocks green cards during coronavirus - NY Times

US has abandoned asylum seekers in Mexico during coronavirus pandemic - Vox

Trump senior advisor sees long term restrictions on immigration - Wash Post

Advocates with mask donations turned away at S. Diego detention cntr - LA Times

Trump signs immigration order sharply different than what he said he planned - LA Times

For Indian Diaspora, panic and anger over Trump's immigration plans - NY Times

ICE has access to DACA recipients' personal information - ProPublica

TPS holders still face deportation amid Covid-19 - Miami Herald

US appeals order to give detained migrants beds in Arizona - AP

Devos bars undocumented college students from emergency aid - Politico

Elected officials to donate stimulus checks to undocumented immigrants - Raleigh News

Action One: Prayer

Dear God, be with those who encounter the many people who have traveled far from their homes, leaving almost everything behind. Bring humanitarian workers, advocates, law enforcement officers and so many others empathy and compassion in their service. Help them to follow your commandment to love their neighbors as themselves. May they and each of us place ourselves in the footsteps of refugees and immigrants. Bless those who encounter in their daily work global family members seeking better lives away from the ravages of war and famine and economic inequity. Guide these workers and all of us to best love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. *(Adapted from a prayer by Kathy McGourty, 2011)*

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen's right to vote.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump, Senators and House members to support the public postal service, now during this crisis. Learn more and take action here:

https://usmailnotforsale.org/take-action/?link_id=14&can_id=402374a438c43d28bfddeec717e4e077&source=email-democracy-initiative-update-040320&email_referrer=email_779338&email_subject=democracy-initiative-update-042020&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Senators ensure safe, secure elections during Covid-19

outbreak. https://indivisible.org/demand-your-senators-ensure-safe-secure-elections-during-covid-19-outbreak?akid=58641.367900.S_pRS2&rd=1&source=email_20200417link1&t=7&utm_medium=link1&utm_source=email

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand all states pass no excuse absentee voting laws ahead of the 2020 election.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-all-states-pass-no-excuse-absentee-voting-laws-ahead-of-the-2020-election?source=20200408_AbsenteeBallotsC3_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Ffranciscanaction.org%2Fdonate%2F&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress we need universal vote-by-mail in November 2020

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-we-need-universal-vote-by-mail-in-november-2020/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump and Act DHS Sec Wolf - Stop deportations to Mexico and Central America. Please sign the petition:

<https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopdeportations/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=e08796d6-ca76-4ceb-bfc4-13ed5b09e46a>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell ICE: Release all immigrants at risk of

coronavirus. https://www.raicestexas.org/2020/03/14/tell-ice-release-all-immigrants-at-risk-of-coronavirus/?ms=20190313_karnes_complaint&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f

NATIONAL LEVEL - As the coronavirus pandemic rages on, it's important that families be reunited now!

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/demand-congress-end-torture-of-migrant-families-and-children?source=direct_link&referrer=group-presenteorg&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fswaps%3Frefcode%3Dendtortureofmigrantfamiliesfullbase

Action Three: Education

Not 'Second Class Human Beings': Immigrants sidelined by virus get cash, community support

- https://laist.com/2020/04/20/undocumented-workers-benefits-coronavirus-relief-fund-unemployment-california.php?utm_source=sfmc_100035609&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=23081+Essential+California+04%2f22%2f20&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2flaist.com%2f2020%2f04%2f20%2fundocumented-workers-benefits-coronavirus-relief-fund-unemployment-california.php&utm_id=4850&sfmc_id=807784

ICE has access to DACA recipients' personal information - <https://www.propublica.org/article/ice-has-access-to-daca-recipients-personal-information-despite-promises-suggesting-otherwise-internal-emails-show?utm>

A program can be established to offer refuge to asylum seekers being turned away from our borders - <https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/493819-a-program-can-be-established-to-offer-refuge-to-asylum-seekers-who-are>

Lawsuit asks Judge to stop immigration order - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/04/27/lawsuit-asks-judge-to-stop-trump-immigration-order/#4a4f2eea131b>

Trump does it: An executive order to suspend immigration -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/04/21/trump-does-it-an-executive-order-to-suspend-immigration/#a575716c6bee>

Action Four: Action - ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Vote by mail is dependent on the US Post Office. When we need to massively expand voting by mail to ensure voters do not have to choose between their health and having a say in our democracy, the USPS has never been more essential.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS!