



**March 29 – April 4, 2021**

### **What's Happening?**

**Biden continues Title 42 policy but made a key change regarding children - USA Today**

**San Diego convention center to shelter children seeking asylum - LA Times**

**Biden puts Harris in charge of border efforts - Wash Post**

**US and Mexico discuss immigration in high level meetings - AP**

**Refugee agency to fast-track release of some migrant children w/parents in the US - CBS**

**DACA bill could exclude minors with criminal records - Courthouse News**

**Pres Biden favors applying for asylum in home country - Reuters**

**Number of unaccompanied minors held more than 10 days jumps - CNN**

**Biden dispatches top officials to Mexico, Central Am. as border crisis grows - NBC News**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming. We pray that our legislators, as they craft immigration legislation, may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who immigrate here. We pray that those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against those who are undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Archdiocese of Chicago)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Immigrants are essential to pandemic recovery. Tell your Senator to support Dreamers, TPS holders and farmworkers. <https://p2a.co/j2etsOI>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden US migration policy should address root causes and uphold migrants' rights - [https://www.afsc.org/action/tell-president-biden-us-migration-policy-should-address-root-causes-and-uphold-migrants?ms=ACQ21EMMO&utm\\_source=MoveOn&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Homestead](https://www.afsc.org/action/tell-president-biden-us-migration-policy-should-address-root-causes-and-uphold-migrants?ms=ACQ21EMMO&utm_source=MoveOn&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Homestead)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to commit to close the first ten immigrant detention centers. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/biden-commit-to-close-the-firstten-immigrant-detention-centers-biden-comprometase-a-cerrar-los-firstten-centros-de-detencion-de-inmigrantes/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Pass S.1 - For the People Act - to protect and expand voting rights for all. [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=SenatePassS1\\_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passs1&link\\_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1108366&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1108366&email\\_subject=the-voting-rights-of-black-and-brown-people-are-under-attack](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=SenatePassS1_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passs1&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1108366&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1108366&email_subject=the-voting-rights-of-black-and-brown-people-are-under-attack)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the Cuba Petition to President Biden to restore diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba! <https://lawg.salsalabs.org/us-cuba-petition/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=702201e7-b257-44d0-bfb3-a42eaede9f28>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - To Biden and DHS Mayorkas: Stop deportations now.**

[https://action.mijente.net/petitions/biden-mayorkas-stop-deportations-now?ms=20210315\\_email\\_petitionSA&emci=0bab20d3-3085-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=ad5ae7cb-8185-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=264787](https://action.mijente.net/petitions/biden-mayorkas-stop-deportations-now?ms=20210315_email_petitionSA&emci=0bab20d3-3085-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=ad5ae7cb-8185-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=264787)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to restore US refugee admissions.**

[https://act.rescue.org/fTRVyu5?ms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_mar\\_m1\\_210324&utm\\_source=SilverpopMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=MAR\\_2021\\_newsletter\\_qlbl\\_test\\_fy21&ms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_test\\_marb\\_03EA\\_fy21\\_210324&initialms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_test\\_marb\\_03EA\\_fy21\\_210324&utm\\_content=IRC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202021%20-%20National%20-%20Test%20B&des=03EA&spMailingID=24679617&spUserID=NTM4NjQ2ODI0NjQwS0&spJobID=1941553306&spReportID=MTk0MTU1MzMwNgS2](https://act.rescue.org/fTRVyu5?ms=em_updt_qlbl_mar_m1_210324&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MAR_2021_newsletter_qlbl_test_fy21&ms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&initialms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&utm_content=IRC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202021%20-%20National%20-%20Test%20B&des=03EA&spMailingID=24679617&spUserID=NTM4NjQ2ODI0NjQwS0&spJobID=1941553306&spReportID=MTk0MTU1MzMwNgS2)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress and the Biden admin to protect black immigrants and asylum seekers from deportation and family separation.** <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-and-biden-administration-to-protect-black-immigrants-and-asylum-seekers-from-deportation-and-family-separation/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Pres. Biden and Sec. Mayorkas - new TPS for Central America and Haitian nationals now.** <https://somos.presente.org/petitions/tps-for-nationals-of-central-american-countries-impacted-by-hurricanes-and-storms-1>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to pass the Dream and Promise Act.**

<https://www.nilc.org/action-dream-and-promise/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=79446fef-7823-47a5-ae99-d7749706f3af>

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**NATIONAL LEVEL - The Senate must pass For the People Act, so that our voices are heard.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=direct\\_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5280c02f-46dd-4c38-b67d-ddafda261663](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=direct_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5280c02f-46dd-4c38-b67d-ddafda261663)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Help pass HR 1. Ask the Senate to make HR 1 a top**

**priority.** <https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/forthepeopleact1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b961975-c204-427a-8866-97e5d9fb9e54>

**Action Three: Education**

**Biden sends envoys to Mexico, Central America asking help for migrant flow -**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-biden/top-biden-officials-heading-to-mexico-for-migration-talks-idUSKBN2BE28T>

**How foster families step up for unaccompanied children at the border -**

<https://time.com/5948102/unaccompanied-children-border-foster-care/>

**Cities will make or break refugee resettlement -** <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-03-23/cities-will-make-or-break-refugee-resettlement>

**(Opinion) The border crisis is about human pain and desperation. Why can't the media grasp this?** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/03/24/border-crisis-migrants-media-biden/>

**Black asylum seekers face racism mistreatment while stuck in Mexico -**

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/nishavenkat/black-immigrants-racism-mexico-asylum>

**Florida advocate tries to reunite hundreds of migrant children -**

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article250154870.html>

**Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we 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](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request

**Action Five: Social Media: (@ Rep/Sen)** People of color have experienced discrimination and violence in this country since the beginning. It's up to all of us to stand in solidarity against racism and hatred whenever it arises. #StopAsianHate **Thank you for your efforts!**