

San Mateo County Immigrant Forum

March 20, 2024

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions:

- Meetings are held virtually on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified.
- At this time USCIS Outreach is not able to join these meetings per USCIS policy.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center Updates:

- DHS has a new general information-collection proposal, which would affect various immigration forms.
 - Includes family information, past contact information, and social media information.
- Registration: the current immigration registration program, which would go into effect on April 11, is based on a law used in World War II.
 - There are no steps that community members need to take prior to April 11th.
 - The administration has stated that they will use registration information for enforcement purposes.
 - There are risks to registration (deportation) and to not registering (criminal penalties).
- Enforcement: increased immigration enforcement has led to fear, confusion, and chaos.
- CBP One App has been turned into CBP Home App. There are concerns regarding location tracking within the app.

Faith in Action:

- Faith in Action reports that current enforcement in SMC continues to be targeted.
- Important to inform community that ICE will not contact them asking for money or social security information. Please report possible scams to the hotline.
- FIA's system of support is designed to work closely with entire family if a family member is detained or deported.
- In case of an arrest, please call the hotline and provide name and date of birth (or A#) of the individual arrested.
- FIA can support with accompaniment to ICE check-in's.
- FIA is expanding its language capacity for the hotline and materials to include Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, Tongan, and Portuguese.
- FIA can also assist with filing asylum paperwork in partnership with legal team.

Partner Announcements:

- OCA has multilingual red cards and Know Your Rights flyers available. Request Red Cards for your organization [here](#) and download KYR collateral [here](#).
- American Red Cross [Reconnecting Families](#) program is able to support families trying to locate separated family members.
- [Kara](#) offers Spanish-language grief support services for families. Find groups and programming [here](#).