

San Mateo County Immigrant Forum

September 17, 2026

Meeting Summary

Check-in Question:

As we celebrate Latino Heritage Month, what's one tradition, food, song, saying, or family memory that makes you feel connected to your heritage and reminds you of home?

Guest Presentation

Josephine Cosino, Human Service Supervisor

Cash Assistance for Immigrants (CAPI)

- Similar to SSI, this program will not impact on a federal level
- Services are offered in: Spanish, Cantonese, Tagalog
- The office address may change in December due to a new office space in SSF
- Client must be aged (65), blind or disabled immigrant or qualified alien
- Who is eligible: Green card holders, asylum, refugees, t-visa, u-visa, are potentially eligible
- **Eligibility:** must be a resident of California, property limits include– cash in the bank, cash on hand, second vehicle, etc. \$2000 for one person HH or \$3000 for 2 person HH
- Spouse deeming, parental deeming, and sponsor deeming is up to 10 years this may be a determinate in eligibility, best to speak to a worker
- **How to apply:** SOC 804 A 16-page form – rely on partners to help clients complete form
- No interviews are required unless need additional information
- Persons under 65 applying for disability their application take longer due to verification
- Clients can submit an application by phone 1-800-648-0954, by fax 650-301-8458 or by mail to P.O. Box 25030, San Mateo, CA 94402-9807
- Slide deck can be found [here](#)

OCA Social Media

Isabella Remolina, Outreach Coordinator

- Assisted with the FIFA social media outreach efforts
- Shared information via communications calendar
- 2 aspects – canvassing and social media campaign
 - Distributed 760 postcards
 - 10 outreach partners helped as well
 - Focused on cities with watch parties and immigrant communities

- Campaign
 - Created 12 IG posts from June to July
 - Had a 48% engagement which was great compared to the typical 4% engagement
 - 4 posts were boosted
 - Posted once a week
 - Posted in English, Spanish, and Chinese
- Find the flyer here [World Cup Flyer](#) . Visit our [website](#) too to find more information this campaign and many more!

Immigrant Legal Resource Center Updates

Public Charge

- Details with any important links can be found [here](#)
- Public Charge takes effect 9/18
- This can impact client's shelter, food, health care, etc. If they do not understand who it can and will not impact
- 6 cities filed lawsuits-Still looking at the factors and the statute. Concern is what more they can deny or delay the filing
- Want to learn more about Public Charge, visit [ILRC Public Charge, Lo que necesitas Saber ahora Sobre la Carga Pública](#)

Naturalization Process

- Neighborhood visits -
 - Authority in the statute to make neighborhood visits near people applying to naturalizations
 - Saw guidance in the manual implementing this memo saying that they reserve the right to do visitations.
 - If you submit two letters from US citizens – may consider waiving. Unsure how it will play out.
- Few visa bans from 75 countries court found it to be contrary to law.
- 39 country visa ban based on national security

OCA Updates

Office of Community Affairs updates and shares:

- We are preparing for **United Against Hate Week** (October 18-24). If you are interested in sharing, your picture with your staff/team holding up a United Against Hate Poster, please email a picture to us at immigrantservices@smcgov.org. We are looking for at least 10-15 organizations to share

pictures for our socials. If you would like to print out posters, you can download them [here](#) and print them. If you would like to check out the [Tool Kit](#) put together by Not in Our Town, LA vs Hate, CA vs Hate and CA Stop the Hate there are many resources and ideas for community action.

○ Learn more about United Against Hate Week: [United Against Hate](#)

- **HSA public charge videos:**

Here is the link: <https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/2026-public-charge-changes>. Please feel free to share with your community

Or download here:

Spanish - [Public Charge - Spanish | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

English - [Public Charge - English | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

Agency Updates

- KARA Grief support workshop at the end of the month on Sept 26th from 11am-12:30PM via zoom
- [Immigration Institute of the Bay Area \(IIBA\)](#) would like to encourage you to apply for naturalization by sharing their link on [consultations](#) - please share widely. When other agencies have stopped offering support for the naturalization process or have long waitlists, IIBA would like to help with any questions or through the process.
- Annalicia from Stanford Health – If anyone needs volunteers, please reach out to annalicia.pickering@stanford.edu. Her team also does health education workshops, if there are any topics you'd like us to teach, please email Annalicia
- [Api Legal Outreach](#) would like to share their 51st Gala in Daly City, [Apilo has its 51st Gala coming up in Daly City on October 2nd!](#)