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PUBLIC LAW CENTER

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OVERVIEW

- ▶ What does the Public Law Center do?
- ▶ Immigration Unit at PLC
- ▶ Immigration and Homelessness
- ▶ Immigration Today

Public Law Center

- ▶ Public Law Center provides services in many different areas of law, including:
 - ▶ Veterans
 - ▶ Consumer
 - ▶ Family
 - ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Health
 - ▶ Immigration
 - ▶ COLAP (Community Organization Legal Assistance Program)



- Pro bono
- Low Income OC Residents

Immigration Unit

▶ Services we provide:

▶ Monthly Clinics:

- ▶ Consultation & KYR Clinics
- ▶ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewal & Consultation Clinics

▶ Affirmative Applications:

- ▶ VAWA/ U-Visas/ T-Visas/ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)/ Asylum

▶ Removal Defense:

- ▶ Full representation in deportation proceedings
- ▶ Representation in bond hearings



Immigration and Homelessness

▶ Displacement

- ▶ Low Skilled jobs
- ▶ Lack of support from national or local government, don't know what to ask
- ▶ Distrust with others providing assistance because of fear of deportation

▶ Sanctuary Cities

▶ California Values Act SB-54

- ▶ Protect the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring that state and local resources are not used to fuel mass deportations, separate families, or terrorize our communities.
- ▶ California cannot be compelled to sue state and local resources to detain and deport its immigrant residents

▶ What is prohibited under SB-54?

- ▶ Immigration holds
- ▶ Asking about immigration status or using immigration agents as interpreters
- ▶ Sharing personal info with ICE unless publicly available

Know Your Rights Overview

- ▶ Know Your Rights:
 - ▶ Right to remain silent
 - ▶ Deny Access to your home
(unless the Police or ICE have
a warrant signed by a Judge)
 - ▶ Ask for an attorney

Immigration Today

▶ DACA

▶ What is it?

- ▶ 2012- Temporary protection against deportation for undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before the age of 16

▶ What changed?

- ▶ 2017- Trump administration terminated the DACA program
- ▶ 2018- court cases - required USCIS to accept Renewal DACA applications

▶ What now?

- ▶ DACA is still in limbo



Immigration Today

▶ Asylum:

- ▶ U.S. has legal obligations to protect refugees
- ▶ Asylum- flee from persecution from home country based on 1 of 5 protected grounds
- ▶ Need to establish past persecution or well-well-founded fear of persecution
- ▶ What's going on now?
 - ▶ Al Otro Lado



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