

COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES

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Thousands Expected to Attend Huge Immigration Relief Education Event

Immigration experts and community organizations will answer questions on President Obama's Executive Action announcement expected to prevent the deportation of more than 4 million immigrant families. Los Angeles is home to largest number of possible beneficiaries in the country.

Los Angeles – The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), a California-based immigrant rights organization, in collaboration with several community, faith, and labor groups including SEIU, ACLU, NILC, the Mexican Consulate, and La Opinion, Univision Los Angeles, and KPFK, is holding a major Immigration Relief/Executive Action Announcement Forum Sunday, December 14, 2014, 10 am – 12 noon at the Los Angeles Convention Center, J and K Halls. The education Forum is free of charge and there's capacity for 10,000 people. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

The "Keeping Families Together" forum focuses on President Obama's November 20st announcement that four million undocumented families may be temporarily shielded from deportation through a Deferred Action for Parents (DAPA) program beginning the middle of next year. The program is similar in nature to the highly popular and beneficial DACA program covering young immigrants who arrived in the US without documentation before the age of 16 years. More than 600,000 young people applied to DACA since the program started in 2012 and studies indicate the program has allowed the beneficiaries to contribute more than \$4.24 billion of income to the national coffers.

Many have not heard of the DAPA announcement and many more have questions about the eligibility criteria, deadlines, and what documents will be helpful when applying. The forum will also address fraud prevention.

The Forum will be in English and Spanish. Participants of the Forum will be able to attend free of charge, the New Americans Exposition 2014 open on Sunday from 9 am thru 5 p.m. The Expo is an opportunity for community members to meet and greet with some of LA's best businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies serving the immigrant community.

WHAT: Largest public event of its kind to date for 10,000 people, featuring immigration experts and community organizations who will address the ins and out of the November 20, 2014 Executive Action/Administrative Relief announcement by President Obama. The Forum will answer questions such as: What does the announcement contain? What programs were announced? What kinds of families are impacted? Who qualifies for those programs? Who does not qualify? What regulations are in place? How much will this process cost? When does the application process begin? What documents do I need to get ready? And, How to prevent fraud? The forum is in English and Spanish and free of charge. Presentations by legal experts and community advocates will focus on easy to understand concepts of what is known to date about the Deferred Action for Parents Program (DAPA) and other programs.

WHEN: Sunday, December 14, 2014. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Forum begins at 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

WHERE: Los Angeles Convention Center, J&K Halls, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

WHO: Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) in SEIU, CLUE-LA, NILC, ACLU, Mexican Consulate, KPFK, La Opinion, and Univision Los Angeles.

VISUALS: Large crowds in line waiting to get a first glimpse of the details behind the Executive Action announcement by President Obama. This is the first large gathering of its kind in the nation to date.

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