



**Community Action Board**  
of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

## **5 ACTION STEPS TO SUPPORT THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY**

### **1. Understand the recommendations set forth by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (IRLC) and supported through the local immigration experts:**

#### **A. DACA: Current Status and Options**

President-elect Trump pledged to end DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) when he becomes President. Until that time, DACA will remain in place and USCIS will continue to process both initial and renewal DACA applications.

#### **B. Initial DACA Applications**

It is NOT recommended to apply for DACA for the first time, at this time.

The processing of those applications takes several months and will likely not be completed before January 20, 2017.

#### **C. DACA Renewals**

DACA recipients eligible to renew who wish to apply should do so immediately after consulting with a trusted legal service provider.

Some DACA renewals are being processed in as quickly as 8 weeks. Renewing may mean a DACA recipient can have a work permit for one or two more years. The main risk is that the renewal might not be decided before January 20, 2017 and the applicant will lose the application fee. There is no guarantee that USCIS will process your renewal before January 20, 2017.

It is unknown whether the next Administration will terminate existing DACA grants or let them expire and not allow DACA recipients to renew.

#### **D. Advance Parole**

Anyone travelling on advance parole through DACA should return to the United States before January 20, 2017.

It is not recommended to apply for regular advance parole through DACA by mail at this time because the travel document will likely not be issued until February 2017 or later.

Emergency advance parole requests, which are filed in person at the USCIS office, may still be processed in time. Evidence that travel is for an emergency reason must be submitted. If granted, travel should be completed by January 20, 2017.

#### **E. Steps to follow**

Consult with an attorney or trusted legal service provider to understand your legal options and if you might be eligible for an immigration benefit. Here is a list of [Immigration Attorneys and Agencies](#).

Avoid fraudulent service providers: confirm their credentials, ask for a written contract and a receipt for any payments. If you have doubts, get a second opinion.

Avoid negative contact with law enforcement. A DUI or conviction related to drugs can have negative immigration consequences. Contact with law enforcement can result in exposure to the immigration authorities.

## **2. Share the "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" Information with your friends, families, neighborhoods, and community:**

A. Know Your Rights: Everyone, regardless of their status, has constitutional rights before the immigration authorities.

[Know Your Rights Handout - English](#)  
[Know Your Rights Handout - Spanish](#)

B. Remain Silent: Don't respond to the questions of an immigration agent or provide any personal information.

C. Don't Open Your Door: If agents come to your home, ask that a search warrant be passed under your door or shown through a window. You lose certain rights by allowing agents in to your home.

D. Don't Sign Anything: In case of detention, don't sign any document. Ask to speak with an attorney and for a hearing in immigration court.

### **3. JOIN US TUESDAY NOV 22 or Contact your elected officials on both city and county levels to request direct support for immigration services within their new proposed funding structures.**

A. Under the proposed plan through the City of Santa Cruz and the County, there are **NO direct funding pathways for immigration services.**

B. Support is needed on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016 at 9:00 am** at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

C. Support is needed again on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016 @ 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm** at the City of Santa Cruz Council meeting.

### **4. Volunteer with the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project**

A. Complete a [volunteer application](#) today.

B. Send the completed application to: Sergio Perez [sergiop@cabinc.org](mailto:sergiop@cabinc.org)

### **5. Donate to the Santa Cruz County Immigration Project, a program of the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.**



Please contact SCCIP Project Director Doug Keegan ([doug@cabinc.org](mailto:doug@cabinc.org)) or DACA Coordinator, Paulina Moreno ([Paulina@cabinc.org](mailto:Paulina@cabinc.org); )for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.