From: <u>Aissa Olivarez</u>
To: <u>Finance Committee</u>

Subject: Document supporting public comment

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Attachments: CILC Numbers (2).pdf

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to attach a document regarding populations served by the Community Immigration Law Center (CILC) as a reference for my public comment.

Many thanks,

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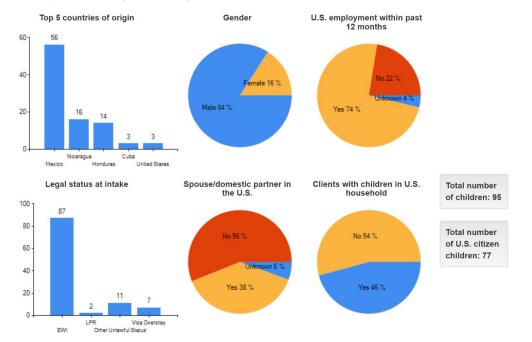
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SAFE Network Database

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Demographics & Family

This information is only for individuals accepted for representation under the SAFE Cities program. Individuals who have been entered into the database, but for which no Representation Acceptance date is listed, are not included below.

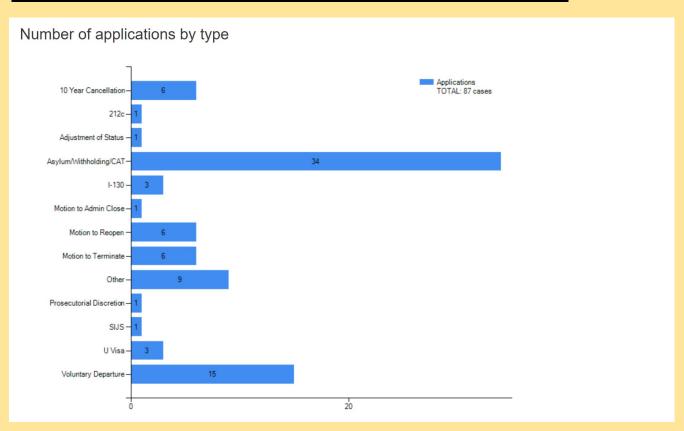


Legal Status at Intake

CILC has only provided universal representation to 2 Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) all others hold no status (undocumented) at the time of intake.

Other countries of origin served: Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Czech Republic, The Gambia, Guatemala, Kenya, Laos, Liberia, Peru, Togo, West Bank, Venezuela.

Universal Representation



Of those individuals eligible for a form of deportation defense, the number of applications for fear based claims (asylum, withholding of removal, CAT) are prepared and defended more than any other category.

CILC Friday Legal Clinic

CILC Friday Legal Clinic, Established 2009

Since 2009, the walk in/ virtual legal clinic has served low-income participants from over 160 countries - Here is a 4 month snapshot of who has been served through the program:

Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, The Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Moldova, Panama, Peru, India, Italy, Jordan, Russia, Senegal, Togo, Tibet, UK, Ukraine, Venezuela, West Bank*

*The status of those served in this program varies, as this clinic serves to answer questions on immigration status/process. However, these numbers are being provided to show snapshot of those who have been served.

CILC Asylum Triage

300+ Hours (over 7 weeks of CILC staff time):

The amount of time since the start of the pandemic that CILC attorneys have collectively spent providing basic information and services during free asylum consultations to individuals that CILC does not currently have the capacity to represent in immigration court. The majority of them have come to the United States to settle locally in the last 1-2 years and are undocumented until they are granted asyluee status.

Country of Origin

Mexico - 47

Nicaragua- 42

Honduras - 20

Venezuela - 4

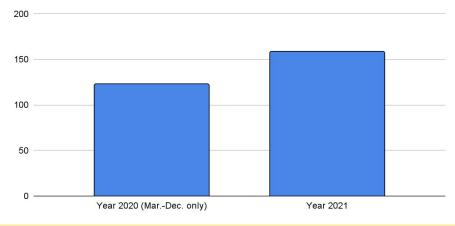
Colombia - 4

El Salvador - 3

Guatemala - 4

Others: Cuba, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia





From: <u>David Aguayo</u>

To: <u>Finance Committee</u>; <u>All Alders</u>

Subject: Item Number 69987

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Dear Madison Mayor, Alders and Members of the Finance Committee,

I write to you regarding item 69987.

I am in full support of the recommendations made by the Community Services Committee. It is critical that Latinx led organizations such as Centro Hispano and the Latino Academy, whom have a known and a proven track record for providing services, and providing them well, to the undocumented community, are fully funded. These organizations have been doing this work since the beginning of the pandemic and have the trust of the uncodcumented community. It is equally important that the Community Immigration Law Center receive full funding as they have shown to be responsive and effective in their work which extends to undocumented people from any country of origin.

I urge you to support the resolution before you with the recommendations from the Community Services Committee which reflects the prioritization and appropriate level of funding for organizations who have a have a proven track record of serving the undocumented community.

Respectfully,

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