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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

A year ago, the 2012 elections—and the impact of the immigrant vote—breathed new life into the campaign for immigration reform. The momentum coming out of the election led to the June 2013 passage of a bipartisan comprehensive immigration bill in the Senate that, while far from perfect, provided a path to citizenship for the undocumented.

As of this writing, we are still waiting for a vote in the House of Representatives. We are still waiting for a bill to cross the President's desk for his signature. We know that immigration reform can happen: business, faith and labor leaders want immigration reform, public sentiment is overwhelmingly for it, and immigrant communities are calling out for reform, heartbroken by the damage caused by a system that deports 1,100 hard-working immigrants a day—tearing families apart and causing untold devastation in communities across the country. It's a matter not of if but of when.

So we are not deterred. And we'll continue to fight for—and win—reforms at many levels: ensuring that immigrants are included in health reform, that students still learning English are provided the opportunity to succeed, that new Americans are engaged voters, that immigrant communities build their capacity and leadership and have the resources and skills to provide the services their communities need. And we'll continue to ensure that as many New Yorkers as possible obtain work permits and drivers' licenses and are protected from deportation under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—the most positive immigration policy change we've seen in a long time.

This report gives you a quick snapshot of some of what happened in 2012 and 2013. We also had a change in leadership, and one reason we're so poised to take on the world to achieve our goals is because Chung-Wha Hong had provided such phenomenal leadership in her years as executive director. We also want to take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of someone else who did so much to strengthen the NYIC, and all behind the scenes, with little public recognition: our beloved Jackie Wong, our director of administration, who passed away this year after a brief illness.

And thanks to all of you—our members, our supporters, our allies—for your commitment to building a better world. Together, we are the heart and soul of the NYIC, and we couldn't wish for better partners than you!

With profound gratitude,



Steven Choi
Executive Director



Guillermo Chacón
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January 20, 1979 – March 21, 2013



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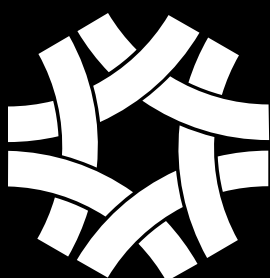
- 16,363** Number of people served through NYIC's consular ID events
- 10,580** Number of identity documents issued through the consular ID events
- 404** Number of trainings conducted by the NYIC since January 2012
- 7,799** Number of people served through NYIC's trainings since January 2012
- 2,950** Number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival applications completed by NYIC and a DACA collaborative made up of NYIC member groups
- 9,147** Number of individuals (non-profit staff, community members, legal providers, government agency staff, and other public officials) reached through informational sessions, trainings, and community education events on Deferred Action
- 1,970** Total number of NYPD School Safety Agents who received presentations on DACA & ID protocols
- 740** The number of press inquiries received since 2012
- 315,000** Number of new citizens the NYIC has registered to vote since 1998
- 94 & 1,300** Number of organizations and people participating in NYIC's 2012 Immigrants' Day of Action in Albany
- 2,000** Number of individuals mobilized by NYIC for April 10, 2013, immigration rally in DC
- 5,000** Number of individuals mobilized by NYIC for October 5th, 2013, march across the Brooklyn Bridge
- 24** Number of NYIC Dream Fellows, classes of 2012 and 2013
- 24** Number of NYIC Dream Fellows who met with or testified before government officials, including President Obama and Vice President Biden
- 830** Number of individuals who attended NYIC's Talking Transition events

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2012

The New York Times

NOVEMBER 24, 2012, "The New York Immigration Coalition recently started an initiative to bring more immigrant parents into the schools. Early efforts, in collaboration with the Mexican consulate, focused on Mexicans. These programs have been successful in bringing more parents into the schools."



▶ ONGOING: ID INITIATIVE

The NYIC expands its ID initiative to include the Guatemalan, Dominican, Ecuadorean, and Salvadoran consulates in addition to the Mexican consulate. We use the school-based consulate services, aimed at facilitating immigrant parent access to schools and to broader civic and economic engagement, as a base for delivering other services to the community. Workshops on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; college planning; and protecting yourself from immigration fraud; updates on the current status of the immigration reform debate; issuance of individual taxpayer identification numbers and tax preparation assistance are among the services provided through the ID events. In July 2013, we join with City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who spearheaded City Council support for this initiative, to announce a major milestone reached: 10,000 immigrant family members issued official government IDs, with 16,000 immigrants having participated in these ID events across the city.

▼ FEBRUARY 2012: NORTHERN BORDERS COALITION



bill that imposes limitations on Customs and Border Protection's warrantless powers within 100 miles of the border.

Joining with our partners in fellow border states Michigan and Washington State, the NYIC is a founding member of the Northern Borders Coalition, to address civil and human rights violations against immigrants at the northern border and to share best practices with our allies down south. The Northern Borders Coalition successfully fights for a provision in the bipartisan Senate immigration reform

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

On Immigration, Rhetoric on Need to 'Secure the Border' Doesn't Match Reality

By JEREMY WHITE on January 16, 2012

'We're talking about people who have been living here, have started families, have been part of the community for more than a decade,' said Jacqueline Esposito, director of advocacy for the New York Immigration Coalition. "So that's the crisis...."



▶ ONGOING 2012 AND 2013: NYIC DREAM FELLOWSHIP ▼ ▶

Team up with the Fund for Public Advocacy and Korean American Community Foundation to provide initial seed funding; bring together a group of dynamic young DREAMers selected through a highly competitive application process; provide them with partial scholarships to CUNY; place them in internships at our member groups across the city; and engage them in a leadership development program. See them thrive and throw themselves wholeheartedly into the program, even while keeping up their studies. Marvel at their growth and the courage they display—NYIC DREAM fellows have testified before the City Council and in state hearings, spoken at major rallies, and one was among a group of seven undocumented immigrants and family members to meet with President Obama and Vice President Biden in the Oval Office. In two years, the NYIC has hosted 24 DREAM fellows who have done us proud.



2012 DREAMERS

2013 DREAMERS



▲ ► MARCH 2012: IMMIGRANTS DAY OF ACTION IN ALBANY

The NYCIC takes Albany by storm, bringing a record 1,300 individuals representing 94 organizations to the capital to make the case for our state policy agenda, which includes funding for immigrant services and state-level DREAM legislation to expand educational opportunities for all students regardless of immigration status. While state DREAM garners significant support among legislators, other public officials, and a diversity of sectors, it turns out to be a multi-year campaign.... To be continued!



IMMIGRANTS, ADVOCACY GROUP PLAN RALLY IN ALBANY

March 14, 2012

"The New York Immigration Coalition backs Gov.

Andrew Cuomo's proposal to establish a new state office dedicated to handling issues facing immigrants. ...

The organization [New York Immigration Coalition] also supports legislation that would ensure all students, regardless of immigration status, have access to public and private tuition assistance in New York. The group says there are more than 4 million immigrants in New York state."



◀ APRIL 2012: CITY ADVOCACY DAY

Two hundred immigrant community leaders and members gather at City Hall with city officials to promote (and ultimately secure) our city policy and budget priorities, among them funding for ESL, adult literacy, and immigration legal services. A lunch briefing following the rally provides an opportunity for lawmakers and administration officials to hear our vision of an immigrant-friendly city.

▼ MAY 2012: DEPORTATION DEFENSE

The NYCIC leads a monitoring project to assess the Obama administration's implementation of its prosecutorial discretion policy (which would spare certain people from deportation who have strong community ties and pose no public safety threat). In the course of this project, we launch campaigns in support of individuals who meet the criteria for prosecutorial discretion but were not granted it. Sara Martinez is one such individual; she clearly meets the guidelines, but Immigration and Customs Enforcement repeatedly deny her request. After the NYCIC wages a multi-pronged campaign in which we urge the head of ICE, John Morton, to personally review the case; place multiple news stories, op-eds, and letters to the editor in such outlets as the New York Times and Daily News and on Univision; and a personal plea from Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, the agency finally reverses its earlier decisions and grants her the right to stay.



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

May 11, 2012

Fingerprints Program Stirs Wide Dissent

"It's not going after public-safety threats," said Karen Kaminsky, deputy executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition. "It's catching everyone in its snares and breaking up families."

The New York Times

Letter to the Editor, April 27, 2012

The Decision to Deport

"Our immigration laws are unforgiving and applied retroactively. An act of poor judgment as a young adult, followed by years of law-abiding behavior, can still mean deportation decades later." —*Chung-Wha Hong, Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition*



◀ ▲ JUNE 2012: NYCIC RINGS THE CLOSING BELL AT NASDAQ

Not our usual stomping grounds! Invited by NASDAQ to ring the closing bell, we dedicate the ceremony to DREAMers, share the stage with Jose Antonio Vargas and other DREAMers, and get to show an NYCIC slideshow on NASDAQ's seven-story screen in the middle of Times Square—which half-a-million people pass through daily. The NYCIC was humbled at the opportunity to be featured on the NASDAQ Tower and shine a light on the contributions of DREAMers and other immigrants who call this country home.



Immigrant Groups, Alongside Bill de Blasio, Push DREAM Act with Fellowship

March 9, 2012 The organizations behind the fellowship—the NYCIC, the Fund for Public Advocacy, the Korean American Community Foundation, and the office of Public Advocate Bill de Blasio—used the announcement of the fellowship as an opportunity to promote state and federal legislation that would help undocumented students access scholarships and go to college."



► ONGOING: HURRICANE SANDY

When Hurricane Sandy causes untold devastation across the region, the NYCIC becomes a clearinghouse of information on relief and recovery resources for immigrant communities. We co-sponsor with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs a forum attended by 85 immigrant-serving organizations and representatives from FEMA, HRA, and MOIA, leading MOIA to launch a needs-assessment program for immigrant community needs in the wake of Sandy. Following a March 2013 meeting convened by the NYCIC for immigrant community stakeholders to meet with key city officials, the city directs resources, such as mold remediation kits and mattresses, to underserved immigrant communities.

◀ ONGOING: SPREADING THE WORD

The NYCIC continues to spread the word to diverse audiences, speaking across the state (Long Island, Utica, Buffalo, Syracuse, Yonkers, Westchester, etc.); at various universities/colleges (e.g., many CUNY campuses, Barnard, Columbia, NYU, New School); law schools (Fordham, NYU, Columbia, Rutgers and New York law schools); public schools; congregations; community centers. We've partnered with Americas Society/Council on the Americas for two panel discussions on the 2012 elections and at roundtables on immigrant integration in Charlotte, NC; Minneapolis, MN.; and Atlanta, GA. We've presented at diverse institutions, from MDRC to the Coalition of Latin American Consulates to Culture Project, from city and state legislative hearings to a forum convened for the New York State Board of Regents; from the NY City Bar Association, the American Constitution Society event at Microsoft, and the Westchester-Putnam Access to Health Care Coalition, to name but a few.

Undocumented Immigrants Left Behind in Sandy Recovery



November 28, 2012



How Hurricane Sandy Impacted New York City's Immigrants

All hurricane victims suffered losses, and immigrants were especially hard hit. Many were unsure if they could apply for aid because of their immigration status. As of December 2012, 78% of immigrants surveyed in the disaster zones had not

2012 BUILDERS OF THE NEW NEW YORK AWARDS



◀ ▲ JUNE 2012: BUILDERS OF THE NEW NEW YORK

The NYIC celebrates its 25th anniversary with a rocking gala honoring business leaders (and advocates for immigration reform) Robert Greifeld of NASDAQ and Cristobal Conde; Commissioner John King of the State Education Department; Estela Vazquez, executive vice president of SEIU Local 1199; and Jose Antonio Vargas, the Pulitzer Prize winning reporter who came out as undocumented and founded Define American. Performances by Ballet Folklorico Mexicano de Nuevo York and the Cimarron Project allow the 400+ guests to show that they can dance as well as they can march!



◀ ▶ AUGUST 2012: DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

On June 15, the President announces Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to provide work authorization and protection from deportation to certain young people without status. On August 15, the government starts accepting applications, and in a church in downtown Manhattan, the NYIC sets up a DACA event, with nearly 1,000 people walking through the door to receive information, legal pre-screenings, and follow-up appointments with legal providers. So great to be mobilizing for an event that takes advantage of a positive change in immigration policy instead of just mobilizing to create that change! In the months that follow, the NYIC recruits and trains more than 100 volunteer lawyers and law students and 16 non-profit legal providers and private law firms. The NYIC holds eight clinics that provide legal assistance to 915 individuals, while our member groups, in a collaborative effort, serve an additional 2,000; we conduct educational sessions and trainings for community members, groups, legal providers, and government agencies, including NYC Department of Education, the State Education Department, the Department of Youth and Community Development, and the NYPD, reaching more than 9,000 individuals. ▼



DREAMers line up as deportation reprieve program begins

AUGUST 15, 2012

“DREAMers applying on Wednesday at immigration offices from Los Angeles to Chicago to New York were unrestrained in their excitement.”

DAILY NEWS

Hundreds of young immigrants crowd outside lower East Side church to apply for temporary right to legally work and live in U.S.

ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE SHOWED UP at St. Mary's Church on Grand St. by early afternoon, eager to become some of the first granted work permits under the Obama administration's major new initiative.

▶ NOVEMBER 2012: IMMIGRANTS VOTE! 2012

Bringing ten immigrant groups together to register, educate, and mobilize immigrant voters across New York City, Westchester, Nassau, and Dutchess counties, the NYIC's nonpartisan Immigrants Vote! campaign hits a major milestone, registering its 300,000th new citizen voter. The groups contact 42,000 voters 140,000 times during the 2012 election cycle and recruit 260 volunteers. The NYIC also joins with Common Cause and the Election Protection table to press the Governor (successfully) to allow voters displaced by Hurricane Sandy to vote by affidavit ballot from any location in New York.



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▼ JANUARY 2013: "PROSECUTORIAL INDISCRETION"

The NYIC and the New York County Lawyers Association release "Prosecutorial Indiscretion: How the Prosecutorial Discretion Policy Failed to Keep its Promise," the result of a statewide monitoring project led by the NYIC that assessed the way the policy was being implemented by ICE in New York State. We issue recommendations to improve both the policy and its implementation, highlight and take up the case of several individuals denied prosecutorial discretion (and succeed in gaining their relief), and keep the pressure on the Obama Administration to make this policy meaningful and take other executive action to begin to repair the damage done by our broken immigration system.

Prosecutorial Indiscretion:
 How the Prosecutorial Discretion Policy
 Failed to Keep Its Promise
 A. A. / 2013



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La discreción fiscal en la resolución de deportaciones de inmigrantes no cumplió lo que prometía, según denuncia un informe emitido por la Coalición de Inmigración de Nueva York y la Asociación de Abogados de Nueva York. **English translation:** The administration's prosecutorial discretion policy has not done what it has promised said a report issued by the New York Immigration Coalition and the Association of Lawyers of New York.

2013 DREAMERS

THE HUFFINGTON POST

Immigrants Who Met Obama:
 You're Dealing with Human Lives



April 26, 2013 "Mahraoui was undocumented for 14 years after coming to the U.S. at the age of 7 before finally adjusting his status. He's now entering his senior year of college at John Jay College of Criminal Justice..

His father never imagined his son would have the opportunity that came this week. After he was asked to come to the White House, Mahraoui said, he ran to his parents and said, "they want me to meet with the president!" "The president of what?" his parents asked. Mahraoui barely believed it himself until Barack Obama opened the door to let them into the Oval Office."



▲ ► JANUARY TO JUNE 2013: NEW YORKERS FOR REAL IMMIGRATION REFORM LAUNCHES!

Phase One: Through Passage of the Senate Bill

Gearing up for another phase in our long-term campaign for immigration reform, the NYC gets the new year off to a roaring start with the launch of New Yorkers for Real Immigration Reform, a campaign of 170 diverse community, faith, labor, and business groups. And the pace never lets up. The NYC leads policy and grassroots advocacy efforts statewide, meeting regularly with members of Congress and the White House and leading numerous mobilizations, including our Keeping Families Together Bus Tour, when fifty mixed status families travel to DC to meet with members of Congress; and the April 10th rally in DC when we bring 2,000 New Yorkers on 42 buses to the nation's capital. When a bipartisan Senate bill is passed in June, our work is only just beginning, as we turn our attention to the House.



Jan. 29, 2013. On Monday, immigrants and their advocates in New York City described the devastating impact of current U.S. immigration policies and announced a nationwide mobilization in support of immigration reform.



► ► FEBRUARY 2013: IMMIGRANT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT/ALBANY DAY

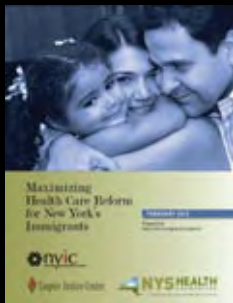
150 immigrant community leaders and 80 organizations from all corners of the state gather for a Leadership Summit in Albany to highlight to state policymakers our top ten state budget and policy priorities; at the policy lunch briefing, we're joined by State Education Commissioner John King, Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights Alphonso David, and Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, chair of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Taskforce.



GOTHAMGAZETTE Reimagined

Immigration advocates set ambitious Albany agenda

▼ FEBRUARY 2013: "MAXIMIZING HEALTH CARE REFORM FOR NEW YORK'S IMMIGRANTS" The NYC releases its report, published by the New York State Health Foundation, on immigrant inclusion in health reform, with legal expertise contributed by Empire Justice Center. The report serves as a model for how New York and other states can implement health reform in an immigrant-inclusive way and provides the basis for our state health policy agenda as the state works toward the October 1, 2013, opening day for the state health insurance exchange.



▲ ▼ MARCH 2013: IMMIGRANT PARENTS GUIDE TO COLLEGE

The NYC releases its guide to college for immigrant parents, "Your Children Can Go to College—Yes They Can!", developed in partnership with the Internationals Network for Public Schools and members of the NYC's Education Collaborative—Asian Americans for Equality, Chinese Progressive Association, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, El Centro del Inmigrante, Flambwayan Haitian Literacy Project, La Union, Metropolitan Russian American Parents Association and Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights. Written at the fifth-grade level in multiple languages, the guide provides basic information to demystify the college process. The guide generates broad interest, and partners to date include Citi Community Development, which provides major funding; Sing Tao Daily, El Diario, the New York City Department of Education, CUNY, the Mexican consulate, the Guatemalan consulate, Healthfirst, and GraduateNYC. The NYC trains community groups on the guide and launches a series of college-guide workshops for parents at schools across the city.



▲ MAY 2013: A STEP FORWARD ON NEW YORK STATE DREAM

Our ongoing campaign for a state DREAM Act that would open up tuition assistance to all students regardless of immigration status passes in the Assembly. Now the focus moves to the Senate and the Governor's office, as immigrant youth are joined by educators, labor, business, faith, and immigrant community leaders in a broadening base of support for the measure.

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The action guide for parents gives a basic understanding of the long road to college



◀ ▼ JUNE 2013: BUILDERS OF THE NEW NEW YORK, AND A NEW ERA FOR THE NYC

Our annual gala serves multiple purposes this year. We recognize the contributions of our honorees: Davis Polk and Wardwell, LLP, for committing the firm to pro bono DACA work; Richard Iannuzzi and Maria Neira, president and vice president of NYS United Teachers, for their efforts to close the achievement gap for students learning English; and Ricardo Fernandez, president of Lehman College, CUNY, for promoting access to quality higher education for immigrants and other disadvantaged youth. We pass the baton from outgoing Chung-Wha Hong, whose leadership has been awe-inspiring, and welcome new

executive director Steven Choi; we celebrate the passage only hours earlier of the bipartisan immigration bill in the Senate, and gear up for the campaign in the House; and as we always tend to do, we end the evening on a joyous note, dancing to the music of M.A.K.U Sound System. So much to be grateful for, so much to celebrate, and so much to gear up for as we look ahead, united for justice and opportunity! Special thanks to Merry! Tisch, loyal event sponsor; and co-chairs Hector Figueroa, Jay Hershenson, Grace Lyu-Volckhausen, and Kathryn Wyld.



► JULY 2013: NEW YORK INVESTS IN DACA

The NYC joins Council Speaker Christine Quinn, New York City Council members, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne Mulgrav, Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Fatima Shama, and other friends to announce \$18 million in funding to provide adult education classes and legal services to help young New Yorkers qualify for the Federal government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides work authorization and protection from deportation for eligible individuals. This puts New York City on the map as the first city to make such a significant investment in maximizing the benefit that DACA provides to the recipients and to the city as a whole. As Speaker Quinn said in announcing the initiative, "We can't let the opportunity of these federal actions fall short, because we didn't do what we needed to do." Kudos to the city for this strategic commitment!

ONGOING: ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE

Appointed to the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team and also to the Regional Advisory Committee on health reform, the NYC, together with our health allies, score two decisive victories at the state level after more than a decade of advocacy: we win Medicaid reimbursement for language assistance services; and a streamlined emergency Medicaid application process to eliminate recertification requirements that often translated into a loss of coverage. At the same time, many of the recommendations of our health reform report come to fruition, and another NYC report, "The Language of a Healthier Immigrant New York City," which surveyed language assistance practices at ten hospitals and was released in November 2013, fosters the creation of an NYC task force that brings together language access coordinators from city hospitals.



La Opinión

Thousands March for Immigration Reform in New York

Oct 6th, 2013 The New York Immigration Coalition, the main organizers of the event, estimated that about 5,000 people participated.

▲ Best Pictures of the Day
October 29, 2013

theguardian



SEPTEMBER 2013: EDUCATION REFORM

When the Governor's commission on education reform issues a preliminary report that fails to address the issue of students still learning English—who possess untapped skills and potential but are lagging behind in proficiency and graduation rates—the NYC and our ally the Internationals Network for Public Schools join forces to draft a response, "Public Education and Dynamic Bilingualism for the 21st Century." This report continues our work with both state and city education officials to make sure that immigrant and ELL students and their families are not left behind in reform efforts.

► OCTOBER 2013: NYC AND DYCD TEAM UP IN GROUNDBREAKING CITYWIDE DACA INITIATIVE

When the Department of Youth and Community Development brings together nearly 100 groups across the city to conduct outreach, provide legal assistance, and expand adult education programming for young people who would qualify for DACA if they enrolled in an adult education program, the city of New York is pioneering the most coordinated, comprehensive local response to the federal DACA program. New York can be proud that the Council speaker and Mayor provided \$18 million in funding and that DYCD was creative and strategic in developing the program. The NYC is honored to lead the citywide outreach component of this effort, coordinating the efforts of 28 outreach providers working in collaboration with about 70 adult ed and legal groups.



▲ NOVEMBER 2013: TALKING ELECTIONS AND TALKING TRANSITION: IMMIGRANTS VOTE! 2013

The NYC's Immigrants Votel campaign, in which a dozen member groups participate, takes off in March with a debate on immigrant issues among all the candidates for public advocate. We ensure that immigrant-focused questions are included in multiple candidate forums and candidate questionnaires across the city and register, educate, and mobilize immigrant voters, who play a major role in local races. After the election, the NYC is invited to present our city agenda at the Talking Transition Tent, and we bring together diverse member groups and allies for substantive discussion, colorful and informative slide shows, brilliant performances by Malian cora player Yacouba Sissoko's ensemble and Afro-Cuban group the Cimarron Project; and a ceremonial dance by indigenous Mexican group Cetiltzil Nauhcampa Quetzalcoatl.

► ONGOING: NYC TRAINING INSTITUTE

As the state-designated trainer on Board of Immigration Appeals Accreditation and Recognition, the NYC, with support from the Department of State's Office for New Americans, develops an intensive 40-hour training to help non-profit groups qualify for BIA recognition and accreditation, expanding the corps of groups who are authorized and qualified to provide immigration legal assistance. These intensive week-long trainings, which include site visits to immigration court and mock trials, along with a substantive immigration law curriculum, take place in New York City, Albany, and Syracuse. In addition, the NYC's regular training calendar reaches thousands of legal providers each year, providing Continuing Legal Education credit for providers. In related efforts, the NYC also convenes a working group, in partnership with member groups and allies, that brings together providers, community groups, and law enforcement agencies to develop strategies for combatting immigration fraud.



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Phase Two: After Passage of the Senate Bill

Following passage, with an overwhelming majority, of the bipartisan Senate immigration reform bill, the campaign continues full-tilt, escalating its actions in the face of continued inaction and obstruction in the House. The New York campaign takes part in actions coordinated with allies across the country—coordinated days of action, acts of peaceful civil disobedience in which community members and leaders were arrested, and continued visits by families to key members of Congress build momentum toward a national day of action on October 5th. Here in New York City, our campaign holds a rally and a march across the Brooklyn Bridge—5,000 people strong—with echo events by campaign partners in other areas across the state, from Long Island to Buffalo. By November, with a House bill introduced that mirrors the Senate bill, we continue the pressure, holding an eleven-mile march for the 11 million undocumented, followed by a three-day fast and vigil outside the office of Congressman Grimm, urging him to sign on to the House bill and strengthen bipartisan support for reform. While at the writing of this report we have still not crossed the finish line with an immigration reform bill signed into law by the President, we can say that the movement is stronger than ever and the public sentiment is decisively in favor of reform, including a path to citizenship for the undocumented. Some campaigns take a while, but we are undeterred, we are determined, and we will keep at it until we've made the progress we have long been seeking.

DAILY NEWS

Pastor, bishop, nun among 10 arrested at NYC immigration reform rally

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Ten people—including a bishop, a nun and a pastor—were busted in Manhattan on Tuesday as they rallied for Congress to move on stalled immigration reform. The activists, holding up signs with House Speaker John Boehner's photo and the words "Speaker Boehner stop your family separation agenda" blocked traffic on W. Houston St. near the immigration facility at 201 Varick St.