

# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friend,

As the new Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), I am honored to lead this groundbreaking organization into the future. For more than 30 years, the NYIC has won landmark legislation bringing much-needed change and relief to immigrant communities. I know first-hand, as the son of Palestinian immigrants, the struggles newcomers face and I have been fighting for low-income communities of color across the State of New York for the past two decades. I've led electoral, legislative, and policy campaigns at the federal, state, and local levels and mobilized hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers at demonstrations against anti-immigrant policies. I continue to pour that same vigor into my role as the head of the NYIC to continue to build immigrant power across the state.

I am pleased to share with you our fiscal year 2021 annual report, which contains quick snapshots of the coalition's historic wins of the past year. I would also like to share with you some of our key priorities for 2022:

- **Coverage for All** - we will advocate for health coverage for all low-income New Yorkers regardless of immigration status.
- **New York for All** - we will fight to prohibit state and local officers from funneling people into ICE custody and sharing sensitive information with ICE.
- **Access to Representation** - we will fight to guarantee the right to legal counsel in immigration court deportation proceedings.

Thank you for your belief in us. We have made significant transformational strides this year, and with your help, will make even greater ones in 2022.

Murad Awawdeh  
Executive Director



# COVID-19 Relief Efforts



## Federal Wins

Won the inclusion of mixed-status immigrant families in the America Cares Act COVID-19 relief package, which brought nearly **\$1 billion** in aid to about **400,000 New Yorkers**.

Won major support for small minority and immigrant-owned businesses, through the creation of the U.S. Small Business Administration's **\$100 million "Community Navigators"** Technical Assistance Program.

## State Wins

Won the **\$2.1 billion Excluded Worker Fund** in the NYS budget, which provided financial relief to nearly 300,000 workers who lost jobs due to COVID-19 but weren't eligible for federal assistance due to their immigration status.

Won **\$1 billion in grants** to support small business recovery.

# Pathway to Legalization

In 2021, the NYIC launched an ambitious Federal campaign demanding a pathway to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants. Leading a coalition of partners across the country, the NYIC mobilized tens of thousands of people in New York and Washington, applying pressure on elected officials. For the first time in 30 years, we've gotten close to achieving a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders, farmworkers, and essential workers. Going into 2022, the NYIC will continue to fight for long-term solutions to enable our most vulnerable residents to build a successful life for themselves and their families.

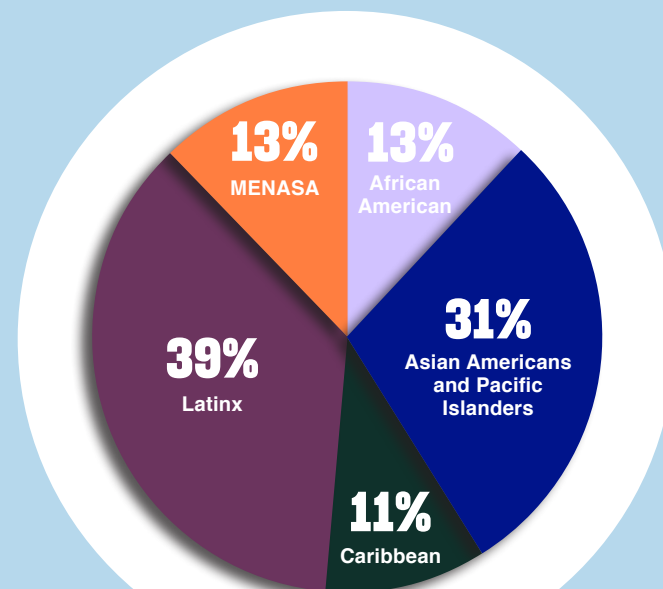


# Working With Our Member Organizations

The NYIC boasts a diverse membership base of over 200 non-profit organizations throughout New York State. These are grassroots community organizations, not-for-profit human service providers, religious and academic institutions, workers' centers and labor unions, and business and civic partners that are committed to advancing the NYIC's mission to achieve a more just society that values immigrants' contributions and extends opportunities to all. Women lead over 50% of our member organizations. Additionally, our member organizations are headed by a diverse demographic representative of New York's rich culture.

Our members were the first line of defense for families in need throughout the pandemic, providing cash assistance, food pantries, workshops on PPP loans for small businesses, COVID-19 testing, and vaccination resources, and much more. They rally with us as we advocate for fair and equitable treatment for immigrant New Yorkers and are our partners in providing frontline aid. Through them, we directly impact immigrant families and businesses via regrants, training, and convenings.

**Member Organizations'  
Leadership Demographics**



## During the last year:

- Our member organizations served more than one million New Yorkers.
- We strengthened the immigrant rights community through a record \$1.9 million in regrants to 108 member organizations.
- The NYIC supported 41 member organizations to provide emergency food services reaching over 49,000 people in response to the critical need for food in immigrant communities.
- The NYIC provided information, advice, and direct technical assistance to our members on how to access the Paycheck Protection Program; at least 52 member organizations received over \$18 million in PPP loans.

**“ Through working with the NYIC and LBLCA (Long Beach Latino Civic Association) I saw the power that community members could have in supporting one another and transforming circumstances for our most marginalized neighbors. ”**

**- Josefina, VISTA,**

Long Beach Latino Civic Association

## Participant Story

Gloria, a 42-year-old Mexican immigrant and domestic abuse survivor, felt isolated and needed support after leaving her abusive partner and entering a shelter. She has a special needs son who has strict dietary restrictions. Without an immigrant status or stable employment, it was difficult for Gloria to find access to healthy food. Other food assistance programs she knew of offered processed foods that were not nutritionally beneficial to her son. She was relieved to get fresh fruits and vegetables as well as culturally appropriate options from NYIC's partner Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation.



# Unaudited Financials

## Support/Revenue

Government Contracts	\$ 1,353,659
Foundations/Corporations	\$ 7,921,335
Individuals	\$ 271,340
Special Events	\$ 199,082
Membership Dues	\$ 66,043
Other Income	\$ 1,023,611
Total Revenue	\$ 10,835,070

## Expenditures

Program	\$ 6,766,113
Management/General	\$ 985,213
Fundraising	\$ 549,480
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,300,806

# Board of Directors

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