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WE ARE COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING NEW AMERICANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES. OUR GRANTMAKING BRINGS TOGETHER PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR IMMIGRANTS. EVERYONE BENEFITS WHEN IMMIGRANTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SHARED PROSPERITY.

Los Angeles County is home to 3.5 million immigrants. They are a defining part of our identity, our culture and our economy - contributing nearly \$233 billion every year. Everyone is enriched by their imagination, entrepreneurship and dedication. They are our neighbors, our coworkers, the proud parents sitting next to us at the PTA meeting. Yet a rising tide of anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies has created a real sense of threat to many of our neighbors.

THE WAY FORWARD

The California Community Foundation (CCF) has long been committed to empowering immigrants to integrate into the civic, social and economic life of Los Angeles. We launched **L.A. For All**, a comprehensive and community focused approach to grantmaking, to protect the rights and futures of these vital communities.

CITIZENSHIP AND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Nearly 800,000 L.A. County residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. In 2015, CCF partnered with L.A.'s most prominent immigrant rights organizations, elected officials, philanthropic organizations and media companies to educate and encourage eligible Angelenos to apply for citizenship through the **¡Protégete!... ¡Ciudadanía Ya! / Protect Yourself! Citizenship Now!** and to know their rights through **¡Protégete!... ¡EmpodérateYa! / Protect Yourself! Empower Yourself!** campaigns.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **One in three** Angelenos was born outside the U.S.
- Immigrants contributed nearly **\$233 billion** to the L.A. economy in 2014.
- A majority of immigrants in L.A. County have lived here for more than **10 years**.

INCREASE ACCESS TO LEGAL DEFENSE

More than two-thirds of people appearing in immigration court do so without legal representation, *some as young as three years old*. Immigrants who have contributed to their communities for decades now face sudden upheaval and the prospect of family separation. The **L.A. Justice Fund**, a partnership between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, the Weingart Foundation and CCF aims to promote justice and preserve families by increasing access to legal representation and counsel to Angelenos facing deportation proceedings.

FOSTER TRUST BETWEEN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND MEDIA

Fear among immigrant communities about new federal immigration policies has led to a decrease in immigrants reporting crimes to law enforcement, immigrants unenrolling themselves and/or family members from health and safety net programs, and less economic activity among immigrant-serving businesses. These dynamics contribute to an unraveling of immigrant communities' sense of security and their prospects for socio-economic advancement. CCF is partnering with leading media outlets to educate and help integrate immigrant populations with dependable information that enables them to feel less afraid and more confident about their future.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

By supporting L.A. for All, you can help build our county's shared prosperity by tapping into the passion, entrepreneurship and limitless potential of those who dared to dream.

To learn more and discover how you can join with the California Community Foundation to uphold our shared prosperity protect L.A. communities, please contact the CCF Team:

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