



# IMMIGRATION CONCERNS UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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Given the campaign rhetoric of President-Elect Donald Trump, it is likely that the Trump Administration will be less welcoming to non-citizens than the Obama Administration. There is much that is still unknown, but there are some things to keep in mind as we prepare for the transfer of power.

## DACA

- President-Elect Trump has indicated that he will end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) when he becomes President.
- Nothing will change until he is inaugurated on January 20, 2017.
- We do **not** recommend filing any initial DACA registrations at this time.
- DACA recipients can continue applying to renew their status. We believe renewals are less risky than initial applications, since the Administration already has your address and other information.

## Advance Parole

- Any travel abroad on advance parole should be completed by January 19, 2017. We anticipate only emergency applications will be approved in time for return trips prior to the inauguration.

## TPS

- We do not yet know whether the new Administration will continue designating countries for Temporary Protected Status (TPS).
- Termination of TPS designations would require 60-days' notice.
- These countries all currently have TPS: El Salvador, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen.

## You Have Rights

- Right to Remain Silent: do not speak to immigration agents or the police, and do not sign anything, without first talking to an attorney.
  - Do nothing more than give your name and address.
  - Do **not** give your country of birth or country of citizenship/nationality.
  - Do **not** lie or give incorrect information.
  - Say only "I won't answer any more questions until I have an attorney." Then stay silent!
- Do not open your door and do not let the police come in unless they have a search warrant.
- City agencies are not supposed to ask about your immigration status, unless it's necessary to see if you qualify for certain benefits.
- Police are not supposed to ask about your immigration status, unless it is relevant to their investigation.
- Call your consulate if you are arrested.

## Plan Ahead

- Make an emergency plan in case of detention and deportation:
  - Appoint someone to take care of your children.
  - Leave copies of your identity documents (passport, birth certificate, etc.) with someone you trust.

For updates as more information becomes available, please call our Immigration Hotline at (844) 955-3425 on Fridays from 9:30am-12:30pm.