Hello All,

Below you will find updates and information on the following topics: I. Webinar recording from our October 8 webinar: Immigrant Legal Services & Federal Legislative Updates; II. New UCImm staff members; III. Voting; IV. USCIS filing fee increases; V. The new public charge rule and Form I-944; and VI. Free ILRC know-your-rights Red Cards.

I. Webinar recording from our October 8 webinar: Immigrant Legal Services & Federal Legislative Updates

In partnership with UCDC and UCOP, UCImm recently presented a webinar that included a summary of legal services available plus an excellent legislative policy update. This webinar was recorded and is available upon request.

II. New UCImm staff members

UCImm has welcomed two new staff members to the team! Ariel Bailey, a recent law school graduate, is our newest Legal Fellow and will be serving the UC Davis campus. Emily Clarkson previously interned for the center and has been officially hired on as our Legal Assistant. Welcome Ariel and Emily!

III. Voting

U.S. citizens who have the privilege to vote can scroll to the bottom of this helpful UC resource page to find campus voting locations.

IV. USCIS filing fee increases ("USCIS Fee Schedule")

On October 2, 2020, USCIS was scheduled to increase filing fees and concurrently require new editions for several of its immigration forms. However, on September 29, 2020 a district court issued a stay, preventing the new fee schedule from going into effect. Therefore, at this time filing fees have not increased but could in the future, pending final resolution in the courts.
V. The new public charge rule and Form I-944

In late 2019, the government issued two new rules related to public charge: one for cases decided inside the U.S, and the other for cases decided at U.S. consulates abroad. Both rules took effect February 24, 2020, but in July 2020 both rules were blocked by the courts. In September 2020, a court ruled that USCIS can use the new 2019 rule to decide applications for green cards inside the U.S.. Consulates abroad are still blocked from implementing the new rule at this time.

The Form I-944, Declaration of Self-Sufficiency, is USCIS' new public charge form. This form collects extensive information about an applicant's health, household size, financial resources, and education and skills.

It is important to remember that many green card applicants are not subject to the public charge rule. Please see attached UCImm's Public Charge FAQ (this is the same infographic that has been previously distributed by UCImm). For additional information, the ILRC provides up-to-date summaries and timelines, or contact your campus attorney.

VI. Free ILRC know-your-rights Red Cards

As you likely know, all people in the U.S., regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. The ILRC's Red Cards help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home or workplace.

ILRC is offering public institutions access to Red Cards at no charge for a limited time. Red Cards are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hmong, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. You can also print the cards yourself, using the available print-ready artwork.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center team