Education Workforce Development Council
Friday, August 10, 2018
10 - 11:30 a.m.

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   David Rattray, Executive Vice President, LA Area Chamber of Commerce &
   Mr. Mike Silacci, Regional Vice President, Greater Los Angeles External Affairs
   AT&T

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   • The Honorable Jimmy Gomez, California’s 34th District

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   • Rigoberto Reyes, Acting Executive Director, Office of Immigrant Affairs,
     Los Angeles County

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   • Dr. Linda Lopez, Chief, Office of Immigrant Affairs, LA Mayor Eric Garcetti’s
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Honorable Jimmy Gomez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
California’s 34th District

Jimmy Gomez proudly represents California’s 34th Congressional District, among the most diverse and culturally rich districts in the country. He is a working-class progressive fighting to lift working families, defend our environment, and protect and expand access to high quality, affordable health care.

He serves on the powerful House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee. Rep. Jimmy Gomez also serves as co-chair in the House Democratic Caucus’ Rebuilding America Task Force and is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC), and Future Forum.

Prior to his election to Congress in June of 2017, Rep. Jimmy Gomez served four and a half years in the California State Assembly, where he distinguished himself as a proven national champion on the issues of Paid Family Leave and combatting climate change. He became a key figure in authoring landmark legislation to address public health, environmental justice, water conservation, access to education, civic engagement, campaign finance disclosure, LGBT rights, and affordable housing. In only his second term, he served as chair of the influential Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Jimmy Gomez attended Riverside Community College before receiving a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a M.A. in Public Policy from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. He lives in Eagle Rock with his wife, Mary Hodge, and dog, Austin. He is a proud fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers.
Rigo Reyes has been with the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs for more than 20 years. He has served as an investigator, supervising investigator, chief of consumer protection, and Acting Director. In these capacities, Rigo has created and implemented programs to protect vulnerable consumers, including seniors from elder financial abuse, immigrants from crimes of affinity, military servicemembers from consumer fraud, homeowners from foreclosures, and foster youth from identity theft.

In January 2017, Rigo was appointed to lead a new Office of Immigrant Affairs in DCBA. OIA’s mission, as directed by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, is to be the County’s one-stop-shop for immigrants and their families to learn about and gain access to all available County services. Rigo and his team work closely with a taskforce of County departments and external stakeholders to carry out OIA’s mission.

Rigo volunteers as a board member for the Neighborhood Housing Services, a non-profit organization that builds strong communities by developing and maintaining affordable housing, promoting homeownership, and providing financial education. Rigo built a small library in his hometown, a remote village in Mexico that to date lacks electricity and running water. The library was the first children and adults had ever seen in the entire region. Elementary school students help staff the library, which quickly became a popular hangout for the approximately 75 adults and kids who live in the village.

Rigo is a proud graduate of the University of Southern California where he majored in political science. He enjoys hiking and has completed the Los Angeles marathon half a dozen times.
Linda Lopez, PH.D.
Chief, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
City of Los Angeles

Dr. Lopez has more than 15 years of experience in federal and local government, academia, non-profit and media relations. She is currently the Chief of the Office of Immigrant Affairs for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and also advises the Mayor on immigration and refugee policy for his administration. Dr. Lopez was formerly an Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Diversity for the University of Southern California and also a professor of political science at Chapman University and a senior level executive the National Science Foundation where she served as a Program Officer investing in research and development for the US government and university systems.

Her government experience spans working with the federal government agencies, state legislatures, and local government. Under the Obama Administration, she worked with the White House Office of Domestic Policy and Public Engagement on their blueprint for New Americans and Building Welcoming Communities and also with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on citizenship initiatives. Dr. Lopez also has worked with the Department of Homeland Security on issues ranging from refugee policy, immigration, and law enforcement and security. She is also responsible for coordinating local efforts on policy implementation and development of public-private partnerships. In 2017, she led and coordinated the establishment of the LA Justice Fund, a $10 million dollar legal defense fund for immigrants and vulnerable populations established by Mayor Garcetti, the county board of supervisors, and philanthropy.

She regularly serves as the primary spokesperson for Mayor Garcetti on issues impacting immigrants and other vulnerable communities and has also worked on international migration issues with the United Nations. She regularly speaks at domestic and international venues on refugee integration issues and migration flows. In addition, Dr. Lopez has regularly contributed to the following media and print networks: Atlantic Live, Los Angeles Times, NPR, KPCC, including Telemundo, Univision, NBC Latino and CNN en Español. She has been awarded a German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Inclusion Fellow, a Center for Strategic and International Studies Abshire-Inamori Fellow, America’s Leaders of Change Fellow, and member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. She received her PhD and Master degrees at USC in Political Science and Public Policy. In her spare time, she advocates for special needs children and serves on the board of Villa Esperanza, a non-profit focused on education for children and adults with disabilities.
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NOV. 9-10, 2018

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CONGRESS MUST ACT ON COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM
David Rattray
July 24, 2018

The past few months have brought some challenging developments in immigration policy -- challenges that have put additional pressure on communities working to create a safe, inclusive environment for immigrants and their families.

Los Angeles is home to 3.5 million immigrants, and the Chamber understands how immigrants are inextricably tied to this country’s social fabric and economic success. With unemployment at historic lows, and immigrants adding billions of dollars to our gross domestic product and tax revenue, we need immigration policies that pave the way toward citizenship, encourage diversity in thought and talent, and ensure businesses have the workforce needed to compete in a 21st century global economy.

For more than a decade, the Chamber has played a key role in advancing immigrant-friendly policies, including championing in-state tuition for immigrant students, access to college financial aid for DREAMers, professional licensing for ITIN holders and driver’s licenses for undocumented residents; and has held a long-standing commitment to supporting important issues like comprehensive immigration reform.

The L.A. Area Chamber strongly urges Congress to act expeditiously on comprehensive reform that provides for a reasonable path to citizenship for immigrants who are members of the community and bolster the economy, both in L.A. and far beyond. It is crucial that Congress enact a permanent legislative solution that includes safeguarding work permits, keeps families together, protections from deportations and a pathway to citizenship, combined with smarter border security utilizing technology and a more comprehensive border strategy. With a congressional election before us this November, it is critical that we urge congressional candidates to support creating a future that builds on the strengths and economic contributions of immigrants, and commit to helping us fix our broken immigration system so that L.A., California and the nation can continue to thrive.

And that's the Business Perspective.
January 8, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Pass the Dream Act

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Regional Economic Association Leaders (R.E.A.L.) Coalition, an association of California’s most influential business and economic development entities, representing 20 member organizations and up to 15,000 employers who collectively provide up to 3.9 million California jobs, we write to support the 2012 memorandum program known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”). We urge your leadership with Congress to pass a Dream Act.

Since the rescission of the DACA program, 122 people lose their protective status each day. On behalf of the REAL Coalition, we write to urge your leadership with Congress to support “Dreamer legislation” that would allow a select group of immigrants who grew up in the U.S. the ability to continue contributing to our great nation. Legislation for DACA is critical for our economy.

According to recent studies, the rescindment of the DACA will result in the shrinking of our labor force by 740,000 workers and reduce real gross domestic product (GDP) by $72 billion.

Specifically, the REAL Coalition would support Dreamer legislation that would grant these young people conditional, permanent resident status for eight years and cancel removal proceedings if they:

- Are longtime residents who came to the U.S. as children 17 years old or younger;
- Have been continuously in the U.S. for four years preceding the date of enactment of the bill;
- Graduate from high school, obtain a GED certificate or diploma, or are enrolled in secondary school or in an education program assisting students in obtaining a high school diploma or in passing a GED or equivalent exam;
- Pass security and law enforcement background checks and pay a reasonable application fee;
- Demonstrate proficiency in the English language and a knowledge of United States history; and
- Have not committed a felony or other serious crimes and do not pose a threat to our country.

Legislation language should include immediate permanent residency and a pathway to citizenship.

Of the nearly 800,000 DACA recipients across the country, an overwhelming number live in California (nearly 230,000). The vast majority are employed, and almost half of them are currently in school. Absent a solution, California will experience the biggest economic set back of any state in the nation, with an estimated loss of $11.6 billion in GDP.

We have already invested in these young people by educating them in our schools, and they are now a vital part of our workforce, contributing to our economic growth and our society--as teachers, engineers, nurses and small business owners. It makes no sense to squander these young people’s talents and penalize our own nation.

The business community urges you to pass a Dream Act because we know these young people would contribute to our state and nation if we continued to allow them to contribute to America.

The views expressed in this correspondence are supported by the signatories. R.E.A.L. Coalition partners not included as signatories are not necessarily party to the views expressed herein.
Sincerely,

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New Americans in Los Angeles

A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles

GDP CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2014, foreign-born residents in Los Angeles County contributed greatly to the county’s total GDP. $81.7B came from Asian immigrants... $95.3B came from Hispanic immigrants... ...and $55.9B came from other foreign-born groups, for a total contribution of $232.9B or 35.7% of the county’s total GDP.

SHARES OF FOREIGN-BORN SPENDING POWER

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TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2014, foreign-born residents contributed $17.3B in federal taxes in LA County / $6.9B in the City of LA, and $7.9B in state and local taxes in LA County / $3.2B in the City of LA.

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign-born households supported federal social programs in 2014. $9.2B went to Social Security in LA County / $3.8B in the City of LA, and $2.4B went to Medicare in LA County / $983M in the City of LA.
The share of the total population that was foreign-born in 2014 was 34.6% in LA County and 37.8% in the City of LA, a slight decrease from 2010.5

In 2014, a vast majority of the foreign-born in Los Angeles had lived in U.S. for more than 10 years: 80.7% of the foreign-born in the county and 79.3% in the city.6

51.5% of Los Angeles County’s self-employed individuals were immigrants in 2014. Their businesses generated $7.2B—or 41.7%—of all self-employed income in the county.

53.6% of the City of Los Angeles’ self-employed individuals were immigrants in 2014. Their businesses generated $3.5B—or 45.6%—of all self-employed income in the city.

In 2014, immigrants made up 34.6% of the population in Los Angeles County...

41.1% of the area’s working-age population...

And 43.2% of the employed labor force.

In 2014, immigrants made up 37.8% of the population in the City of Los Angeles...

44.8% of the area’s working-age population...

And 46.7% of the employed labor force.