The High Stake in Immigration Reform for Our Communities | Central Valley

**How many and who is affected?**

**There are 332,000 undocumented Californians in the Central Valley.**
That’s 8% of residents, 10% of adults, and 11% of the workforce.

**Nearly 1 in 5 Central Valley kids have at least one undocumented parent.**
83% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that’s 186,000 children or 16% of the Central Valley’s kids.

**How will the economic impact be good for the Central Valley’s economy?**

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would bring a $474-$821 million boost in the annual income of the currently undocumented.**
This will result in, for example, more clothes for the kids, higher end purchases at the grocery store, and eventual home purchases. Lower-income undocumented Californians will cause these ripple effects that grow local economies because they are more likely to spend than save.

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would yield a 14-25% boost in income.**
Boots are based on studies that take into consideration other factors influencing income gains.

**This would benefit Central Valley kids since 76% of kids with an undocumented parent live in poverty.**
This is compared to the 38% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in the Central Valley.

**Why does citizenship matter?**

**Citizen immigrants typically outperform other immigrants and the US-born.**
Statewide and regional bodies on integration will be needed to increase naturalization, among other things.

**What should happen the day after reform?**

**Resources for immigrant integration need to be included in reform and should be targeted to areas that will make immigrants more productive:**

- English Language Instruction: Only 35% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.
- Health Insurance: Only 41% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.
- Adult Education: 78% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

**Getting reform right will help us get the Central Valley’s future right.**

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