The High Stake in Immigration Reform for Our Communities | East Bay

How many and who is affected?

**There are 155,000 undocumented Californians in the East Bay.**
That’s 6% of residents, 7% of adults, and 7% of the workforce.

**Nearly 1 in 8 of all East Bay kids have at least one undocumented parent**
77% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that’s 56,000 children or 9.4% of the East Bay’s kids.

How will the economic impact be good for the East Bay’s economy?

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would bring a $293-$507 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.**
Boosts are based on studies that take into consideration other factors influencing income gains.

**This would benefit the East Bay’s kids since 55% of kids with an undocumented parent live in poverty.**
This is compared to the 18% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in the East Bay.

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 48% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.
- Health Insurance: Only 51% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.
- Adult Education: 55% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

Getting reform right will help us get the East Bay’s future right.

ID YOU KNOW?

22% of the undocumented in the East Bay are Asian immigrants.

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