The High Stake in Immigration Reform for Our Communities | Sacramento Metro Area

How many and who is affected?

**There are 83,000 undocumented Californians in the Sacramento metro area.**
That’s 4% of residents, 4% of adults, and 4% of the workforce.

**1 in 11 of all Sacramento kids have at least one undocumented parent.**
74% of kids with an undocumented parent are citizens – that’s 36,000 children or 6.7% of the region’s kids.

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

**Authorization with a roadmap to citizenship would bring a $127-$220 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 Sacramento’s kids since 71% of kids with an undocumented parent live in poverty.
This is compared to the 24% poverty rate for kids with US-born parents in Sacramento.

Why does citizenship matter?

**Citizen immigrants outperform other immigrants and often 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 44% speak English well but there is a great desire to learn.
- Health Insurance: Only 42% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.
- Adult Education: 62% of the undocumented are in need of high school education and beyond.

Getting reform right will help us get Sacramento’s future right.

DID YOU KNOW?
Of the undocumented, 66% are from Mexico; other top countries of origin include Russia and the Philippines.

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