



immigration

## L.A. Justice Fund

**WE BELIEVE IN AMERICA'S PROMISE OF JUSTICE FOR ALL AND THE NEED TO PROTECT ALL OF OUR FREEDOMS. CCF SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT ANGELENOS, REGARDLESS OF LEGAL STATUS, HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WHEN WE SUPPORT AND PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANTS, THEN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE OUR ECONOMY AND CULTURE STRONGER.**

Immigrants have built families, created deep roots and have contributed to Los Angeles for decades - nearly \$233 billion to our economy every year. They are deeply ingrained in our identity, our prosperity and our culture, and we are all enriched by their contributions.

But rising anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies mean that they live with the heightened fear of deportation and family separation. Immigration enforcement has rapidly increased in communities across the nation, with arrests and deportations up more than 42 percent in the first half of 2017. More than two-thirds of people appearing in immigration court do so without any legal representation, *some as young as three years old.*

Representation matters: studies have shown immigrants who have lawyers are five times more likely to be released from detention and to succeed in challenges to their deportation, with many obtaining permanent relief.

### THE WAY FORWARD

The California Community Foundation (CCF) has long been committed to empowering immigrants to integrate into the civic, social and economic life of Los Angeles. The **L.A. Justice Fund (LAJF)** is a multi-million-dollar partnership between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, the Weingart Foundation and the California Community Foundation (CCF). The Fund aims to address the pressing demands for legal representation services for our diverse immigrant communities, with the goal of raising at least \$10 million dollars.

### CHANGING SYSTEMS

The L.A. Justice Fund is part of our broader work seeking to protect the rights and futures of Los Angeles County's vital immigrant communities. From promoting citizenship to rights education, increasing trust between immigrant communities and media and upholding the immigrant contributions to Los Angeles, our immigration work seeks to build our county's shared prosperity and create a better future for all Angelenos.

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## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Our destinies are intertwined, and our success is measured by how our most vulnerable communities fare. We all benefit when immigrants can protect themselves and their families, earn a living and contribute to the future of their own communities.

To learn more about how you can invest in the L.A. Justice Fund, contact Donor Relations Officer **Celina Santiago** at [csantiago@calfund.org](mailto:csantiago@calfund.org) or visit [calfund.org/LAjusticefund](https://calfund.org/LAjusticefund).

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