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OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION JOINT STATEMENT ON LATEST DACA RULING

On Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Federal Judge John D. Bates of the District of Columbia ruled that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program must continue, and that the government must begin processing new DACA applications in 90 days if the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not adequately explain its reason for canceling the program.

Since DACA was rescinded last September, tens of thousands of DACA recipients have lost their protection from deportation and their ability to work legally. Another estimated 120,000 individuals were unable to apply because they were too young and the government has stopped accepting new applications. Currently, the government continues to process DACA renewals but no new applications are being accepted.

DACA recipients can continue to apply for renewals, and families can continue to seek help from reputable legal services providers to get screened for other forms of immigration relief. During the last six months, the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) and its community partners hosted two emergency DACA renewal workshops. Over 200 DACA recipients and TPS holders attended the information and Know-Your-Rights sessions conducted by community service providers. Eligible DACA recipients received assistance with their renewal applications and fees.

Piecemeal approaches are never going to solve the immigration situation. Since 2010, OCEIA and the Immigrant Rights Commission have held a series of hearings and roundtable discussions calling for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. There is an urgent need for a permanent solution — millions of hardworking, tax-paying immigrants and their families continue to live in uncertainty and fear. We call on this nation's lawmakers and leaders to pass a clean DREAM Act now to protect DACA recipients without sacrificing their parents or families, and fair, humane and sensible Comprehensive Immigration Reform for the future of all immigrants.