

LEGAL DEFENSE *for* IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Defending Our Community Members



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The Need for Legal Defense

Lack of Representation



Immigrants & refugees have no legal right to representation in immigration court

Harmful Executive Orders



U. S. Executive Orders will dramatically increase the number of people seeking legal representation in courts

Representation is Proven to Work



Immigrants are up to 10.5 times more likely to be able to stay in the country when they have representation

What's at Stake in Seattle

~20% FOREIGN BORN

Nearly 1 in 5 residents is foreign-born.

150K UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

The Seattle area is among the 20 U.S. metropolitan areas with the largest populations of undocumented immigrants.

\$1.7B PAID IN LOCAL TAXES

In 2014, immigrants in Seattle area paid \$1.7 billion in state and local taxes and possessed \$16.9 billion in local purchasing power.

\$1 MILLION FOR LEGAL DEFENSE



Assistance would be available in immigration proceedings to immigrants and refugees who live or work in Seattle.

Our Plan

Seattle is a welcoming city. On January 30th, 2017 Councilmember Lorena González sponsored a resolution that recommitted Seattle to “welcoming and supporting immigrants and refugees from all nationalities, religions and backgrounds with policies and programs that foster inclusion for all.”