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San Diego Leaders Advocate for Immigrant Justice at State Capitol

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San Diego, CA – On Monday May 19, 2014 a delegation of 25 community leaders will travel to the State Capitol to advocate for Immigrant Justice. The leaders represent immigrant, refugee, and border-based organizations in San Diego County, together with hundreds of leaders from across the state they will participate in IMMIGRANT DAY *One California*.

The 18th annual Immigrant Day is coordinated by California Immigrant Policy Center and begins with an interfaith ceremony and rally led by New Latthivongskorn. The San Diego Delegation will share lunch with Senator Marty Block, following lunch the delegation will advocate to 11 of San Diego's State Legislators.

The leaders represent 12 immigrant/border based organizations:

- Asociacion de Liderazgo Comunitario
- Alliance of San Diego County
- American Friends Service Committee
- Center for Social Advocacy of San Diego
- Filipino Migrant Center
- First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego
- Foundation for Change
- Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County San Diego
- Islamic Center of San Diego
- Day Laborers and Household Workers Association
- United Taxi Workers of San Diego
- Youth Collaborative / DREAMers

To assist with travel to the Capitol, the Foundation for Change has granted \$6,500 in support grants to five of the local worker justice organizations attending.

According to Michele Silverthorn, Program Associate at the San Diego-based Foundation for Change, "there is some great energy as a San Diego immigrant and refugee rights community surrounding the trip to Sacramento, together with a common agenda for change and justice. We look forward to meeting other organizations from around the State that share our common concerns and we look forward to coming back home, strengthened by the experience."

Immigrant Day is intended to:

- Strengthen networks, and build consensus, within immigrant rights and advocacy communities in California
- Shape a Statewide pro-immigrant policy platform to make access to health a reality for every California family and pave the way for full inclusion of immigrants
- Commit to working with our legislators in Sacramento to enact policies and laws that recognize our common interests and values, and celebrate us all.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR CHANGE

The Foundation for Change is working to create a passionate community of support for progressive leaders and organizations in the San Diego/Tijuana region. For more information, please visit: www.foundation4change.org.