



# C-PAC CHAT

*Caribbean Political Action Committee (C-PAC) monthly communication*

## **ONGOING IMMIGRATION UPDATE**

We encourage you to visit the C-PAC website and see all of our latest features! Click this [link](#) to browse and enjoy.

You can:

- Download our most recent and past C-PAC Informers
- Check out C-PAC's historical timeline
- Read our latest blogs/opinion pieces
- Track our social media engagement
- See all upcoming events
- Stay informed and engaged

*In an effort to be responsive to the anxiety around immigration matters C-PAC provides the following information to our Diaspora Members, supporters and friends. We will continue to update you as changes to the immigration laws are made so that you remain fully informed.*

### **IMMIGRATION UPDATE # 3**

Recent occurrences of the arrests and detentions of several current and former Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), recipients around the country have resulted in deep concerns. A number of Senate Democrats have met with John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security to seek reassurances that there would be boundaries to President Trump's plan to intensify immigration enforcement. To that specific concern, Secretary Kelly stated that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) would not target enrollees in the DACA program. ICE will primarily target those who have committed felonies for deportation. Nevertheless, there remains great fear among those of the Caribbean Diaspora community that the reality is far from what is being stated by immigration officials. This, since DACA is still an ongoing program participants are urged to renew their application in a timely manner and not allow any lapses.

Another program of significance to our Caribbean Diaspora community includes the H-1B program. This program allows foreign professionals to work in the US. Employment via the H-1B affords opportunities primarily based on a lack of qualified US workers and is now under scrutiny due to reports of fraud by United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USIS). USCIS has announced multiple measures that have been implemented to detect and deter H-1B visa fraud abuse. Some of these measures include, for example targeted site visits to ensure workplace compliance; ensuring that H-1B participants are actually qualified for the positions, and also ensuring that the H-1B participants are actually performing the job as stated.

The recent announcement posits that these measures are a priority in protecting American workers in determining whether H-1B dependent employers are evading their obligation to make good faith efforts to recruit US workers. To that end, there will be an increase in targeted site visits to H-1B petitioners and the worksites of H-1B employees among other investigatory measures.

If you have questions or concerns consult the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)) and/or an immigration attorney for the most accurate and current information.

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### **CALL TO ACTION!**

Here are some ways you can support C-PAC by staying engaged and inviting Caribbean Americans and friends of the Caribbean across the metropolitan area to get involved.

Know someone who needs to become a member of C-PAC? [Download our membership application](#) form and get folks plugged in! Membership is only \$50.00 and \$25.00 for students.

The [Annual C-PAC Founding Patrons' Lubcheon](#) will be held on Saturday October 14, 2017

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**Keep in touch. Have an idea?** Want to help plan or host a community forum? We're only an email away! Send us a message at [cpac.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:cpac.dmv@gmail.com).



**STAY INFORMED AND BE ENGAGED!**

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