



## Public Engagement E-Monthly

This monthly Enews highlights new and relevant public engagement resources and events for local elected officials and staff.



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## ILG Resources to Assist Local Officials with Immigrant Engagement and Integration

On Thursday, President Obama announced administrative relief that will allow an estimated 1.5 million undocumented immigrants residing in California to temporarily stay in the U.S. if they meet certain requirements. In an effort to promote good government at the local level, ILG has developed, over the last few years, many practical, impartial and easy-to-use resources to help local officials implement successful public engagement and integration strategies and actions. These resources may be helpful to local officials as they work to address these issues.

[Active Citizens, Stronger Communities: Helping Lawful Permanent Residents Become Citizens](#) explains the process, barriers and economic impact of citizenship and shares examples of local government partnerships that support citizenship efforts in California and nationally. [How Local Officials Can Support Citizenship and Civic Participation](#) lists specific ways that local officials can and do support lawful permanent residents eligible to become US Citizens.

[A Local officials Guide to Immigrant Civic Engagement](#) helps local officials design and implement inclusive public engagement processes. Tip sheets on successfully engaging immigrant residents include: [Ten Ideas for Immigrant Engagement](#) and [Ethnic Media – Tips to Reach the Fastest Growing Segment of American Media](#).

[Language Access Laws and Legal Issues A Local Official's Guide](#) explains federal and state laws to ensure access to public services and

opportunities for civic participation by limited English-proficient residents. Resources include a tip sheet on [Providing Language Access](#) and free [translation equipment](#) for California's local governments.

[Collaborative Strategies for Day Labor Centers](#) is a guide for local officials and community members.

The Institute partnered with [Welcoming America](#) and local officials to launch the first two immigrant welcoming affiliates in California: "[Redwood City Together](#)" and "[You Me We Oakley!](#)" The Institute coordinated and facilitated the Welcoming California Learning Network to expand existing resources and tools for local agencies to consider and apply immigrant-friendly practices.

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## The Safe and Responsible Drivers Act

Assembly Bill 60, The Safe and Responsible Drivers Act will go into effect on January 1, 2015. ILG has developed a tipsheet for local officials and staff that provides an overview of the law, why it matters to local officials and key components of effective implementation.

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## Additional Immigrant Integration Research of Interest

[Looking Forward: Immigrant Contributions to the Golden State \(2014 edition\)](#) is a University of Southern California's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) report including statewide and regional data on demographics, economic contributions, entrepreneurship and numbers of eligible voters among all immigrants.

[Two Years and Counting: Assessing the Growing Power of DACA](#) (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is a study by the Immigration Policy Center on the economic and social integration of young adult immigrants as a result of this legislation.

[Welcoming Cities and Counties](#) is an organization that convenes U.S. cities and counties to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly environments.

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