

The Immigration Belonging Promise

A simple promise: Immigrants are not outsiders to be managed — they are neighbors, workers, dreamers, and builders of America's future. To honor immigrants is to honor the nation itself. Belonging means citizenship, family unity, and support to thrive.

Why It Matters

- Over 11 million immigrants live in the U.S. without a pathway to citizenship, many contributing for decades.
- Families are separated by deportation, visa backlogs, or restrictive policies.
- Immigrant workers are often exploited, underpaid, or denied legal protections.
- Integration services — language learning, credential recognition, civic education — remain underfunded.

Our belief: America's strength has always come from its openness. To deny belonging to immigrants is to deny part of our own identity.

What We're Saying

This is not about temporary fixes. It is a promise: that every immigrant will be treated with dignity, given a fair path to citizenship, and welcomed as a full participant in America's shared future.

What It Guarantees

- **Pathways to Citizenship:** Fair, timely, and accessible processes for undocumented immigrants, DREAMers, and long-term residents.
- **Family Unity Protections:** Safeguards against family separation and faster reunification of loved ones.
- **Worker Protections:** Strong labor rights and anti-exploitation standards for immigrant workers.
- **Integration Support:** English language learning, credential recognition, and community-based orientation programs.

- **Safe Communities:** End discriminatory enforcement practices and ensure due process for all.

Programs You'll See

- **The Citizenship Pathway Act:** A clear, earned process for undocumented immigrants and DREAMers to secure permanent status and citizenship.
- **Family First Protections:** Policies that keep families together and speed reunification across borders.
- **Immigrant Worker Bill of Rights:** Guarantees fair pay, workplace safety, and protection against exploitation regardless of status.
- **Welcome Centers:** Local hubs offering language classes, credentialing, legal aid, and civic education.
- **Integration Grants:** Funding for schools, nonprofits, and employers to support immigrant participation.
- **Community Safety Reforms:** End racial profiling and ensure equal treatment in immigration enforcement.

How We'll Make It Real

0–100 Days

- End policies of family separation and restore protections for DREAMers.
- Establish the National Immigration Belonging Council with immigrant voices at the table.

Year 1

- Pass the Citizenship Pathway Act.
- Launch Welcome Centers in 100 high-immigrant communities.

Years 2–3

- Expand Immigrant Worker Bill of Rights protections nationwide.
- Scale integration grants to schools and employers.

Years 4–5

- Ensure every eligible immigrant has access to a pathway to citizenship.
- Make family unity protections permanent law.

Accountability & Measures

- **Citizenship Access:** # of immigrants completing pathways to permanent status.
- **Family Unity:** Reduction in family separations and backlog cases.
- **Worker Protections:** Enforcement of wage, safety, and anti-discrimination laws for immigrant workers.
- **Integration Outcomes:** English proficiency, credential recognition, and civic participation rates.
- **Community Trust:** Surveys of immigrant trust in institutions and safety in communities.

Guardrails & Values

- **Dignity First:** Every immigrant treated as a neighbor, not a threat.
- **Equity Across Origins:** Protections apply to immigrants of all nations, races, and faiths.
- **Family at the Center:** No child or parent torn apart by unjust policy.
- **Due Process:** Fair hearings, legal protections, and transparency in enforcement.
- **Community Voice:** Immigrant communities co-design programs and policies.

Who This Helps (Snapshots)

- *Diana (19):* A DREAMer who earns citizenship and begins a teaching career in her hometown.
- *Luis & Marisol (37 & 35):* Reunited with their children after years of separation due to visa backlogs.

- *Ahmed (45)*: A construction worker guaranteed fair pay and safety protections through the Immigrant Worker Bill of Rights.
- *Hanh (52)*: Gains recognition for professional credentials earned abroad and returns to work as an engineer.
- *Fatima (70)*: Joins a Welcome Center English class and votes for the first time after gaining citizenship.

What Success Looks Like

In 24 Months

- Citizenship pathways active; DREAMers secure status.
- First wave of Welcome Centers serving immigrant families.

In 5 Years

- Family separation eliminated; integration supports reach millions.
- Worker protections enforceable across industries.

In 10 Years

- America fully embraces immigrants as co-builders of the nation — equal in rights, secure in belonging, and active in shaping the future.

The Commitment

The Immigration Belonging Promise is a vow: that no immigrant will be cast aside or treated as less than American. Citizenship, family unity, and opportunity will be guaranteed — because belonging is the promise of America itself.

Historical Reference & Value

Immigrants have always shaped the American story. From Ellis Island to Angel Island, from Bracero workers to Vietnamese refugees, waves of newcomers built industries, enriched culture, and strengthened democracy. Yet history also records exclusion and cruelty: the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the National Origins Quotas of 1924, and family separations under modern enforcement. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 overturned racial quotas, opening doors for millions, while the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program provided

relief for DREAMers but left them in limbo. Throughout, immigrant-led movements have fought for dignity, reminding the nation that its strength lies in openness. The Immigration Belonging Promise builds on this lineage — declaring that belonging is not conditional, but a civil right.

Referenced Acts & Initiatives (Guiding Frameworks)

- **Citizenship Pathway Act:** Establishes a clear and fair process for undocumented immigrants, DREAMers, and long-term residents to secure permanent status and citizenship.
- **Family First Protections Act:** Ensures family unity, ends unjust separations, and accelerates reunification processes.
- **Immigrant Worker Bill of Rights Act:** Protects immigrant workers with guarantees of fair wages, safe workplaces, and anti-exploitation enforcement.
- **Welcome Centers Program:** Creates local hubs for English learning, credential recognition, legal aid, and civic education.
- **Integration Grants Initiative:** Funds schools, nonprofits, and employers to expand support for immigrant participation.
- **Community Safety & Fairness Act:** Ends discriminatory enforcement practices and ensures due process for all immigrants.

Sealing Line

So it is pledged: that America will not merely receive immigrants, but embrace them — as citizens, as neighbors, as co-authors of the nation's shared future.