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**From:** [Esmeralda Flores](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Vargas, Cipriano](#); [Chavez Basilio, Lucero](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Letter of Support for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program - CHIRLA  
**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2023 1:56:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of Support ILDP - CHIRLA June 2023.pdf](#)

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Please find attached our letter of support for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program.

Best,  
Esmeralda



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June 16, 2023  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway  
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Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of CHIRLA, I am writing to express our support for continued funding for the Immigrant Legal Defense program. Founded in 1986 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) is a California leader, with national impact, made up of diverse immigrant families and individuals who act as agents of social change to achieve a world with freedom of mobility, full human rights, and true participatory democracy, fully inclusive of refugees and immigrants. CHIRLA prides itself in our work to serve the immigrant community through civic engagement, community education, organizing, advocacy at the forefronts of local, state, and federal government, and the provision of legal immigration services including citizenship assistance, DACA renewals, family reunifications, low-cost consultations, and removal defense.

In May of 2021, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the Legal Defense Program to provide immigrants facing deportation access to legal representation – the first throughout the entire southern border. By providing legal representation to anyone in immigration proceedings who cannot afford a lawyer, we protect our widely shared values of due process and justice for all. In the face of unjust and harsh border and immigration policies, this Board has taken action to protect our immigrant community and we applaud your efforts to be a leader in this area.

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**The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) supports the CAO's recommended budget for an additional \$5 million to continue to support these efforts.** This program is changing lives in our community, and we are proud of the County's effort to step up. In fact, numbers provided by the Office of Assigned Counsel demonstrate an upward trend in those now having access to a lawyer.

CHIRLA has been advocating for universal representation since 2017, when immigrant families were being torn apart by unjust policies put in place by the administration at the time. Regionally, we work closely with both Los Angeles City and County to advocate for increasing investments towards universal representation models of legal service providers. We also advocate for more allocation of state and federal funding toward universal representation, particularly removal defense.

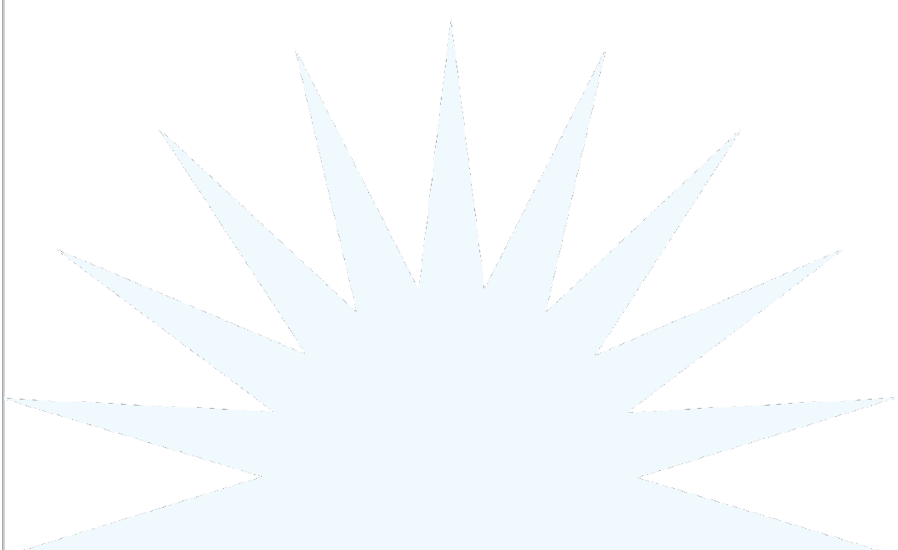
**We applaud the CAO for including funding to continue this program and ensure everyone in our community has the right to fair representation in a court.** Thank you for your leadership and we look forward to the impact this program will continue to have in our region.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Esmeralda Flores, who is based in San Diego at [eflores@chirla.org](mailto:eflores@chirla.org).

Sincerely,

Esmeralda Flores,  
Southern Region Policy Manager – CHIRLA

CC:  
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Office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer



**From:** [Barbara Gibson](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Butterfield Park  
**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2023 10:27:32 AM

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I support purchasing and budgeting money to develop the Butterfield Park property. There is more need of places to enjoy nature ( a proven health benefit) before the increasing pace of housing developments prohibit procurement of such properties.

Barbara Gibson  
17504 Villa Sierra Road  
Valley Center

**From:** [wendy layport](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] PLEASE save Butterfield Ranch as a park  
**Date:** Sunday, June 18, 2023 12:29:56 PM

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Greetings All,

I see that I may be late for the vote which took place on June 12th but I still would like my voice to be heard...

I moved to Valley Center 2.5 years ago with my husband, to be near our family already living here. I immediately noticed the sign asking for support for Butterfield Ranch to be preserved... I know it means a lot to look to the future when Valley Center will grow more populated. Look across the road to the development with hundreds of homes that sprouted up overnight... They need, and we all need to know that there will be land, truly preserved for peaceful time to spend in nature, hiking, picnics, walking, and feeling the healing peace that comes from nature. Not only man made playgrounds and pools.

PLEASE look ahead and vote yes, and support this project. I support it fully... and would like to know how it progresses.

Your neighbor,  
Wendy Layport

**From:** [bob layport](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Support for the Butterfield Ranch  
**Date:** Sunday, June 18, 2023 2:53:47 PM

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To: San Diego Parks & Recreation

Three cheers! for the preservation of the Butterfield Ranch to enrich life in Valley Center.

Someone should also consider preserving the land behind the Post Office—the open fields with beautiful native live oaks that is a rare open space. What a gem to preserve as a Nature Park—

Rather than have another 5000 homes crammed together.

When it's gone, IT'S GONE!

Bob Layport  
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**From:** [Rhiannon McAfee](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Letter of Support: Legal Defense Program Funding  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:03:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [LDP\\_Support\\_Catalyst.pdf](#)

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Good morning!

Attached please find our letter of support for the CAO's recommendation of \$5 million of funding for the Legal Defense Program.

Thank you!

Rhiannon McAfee  
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June 20, 2023

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego CA 92101

**RE: LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM FUNDING**

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

[Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties](http://www.catalystsd.org) represents a community of more than 100 funders working across sectors, aisles, and industries to increase equity-driven solutions to our region's most pressing problems. Our Binational Migration Funders Collaborative works together tirelessly to ensure the legal and wellness needs of all immigrants and refugees who pass from Mexico through San Diego and Imperial Counties are met and advocates for sustainable and permanent immigration infrastructure. **We applaud the CAO's recommendation to continue funding the Legal Defense Program.**

In May of 2021, your board approved the Legal Defense Program to provide immigrants facing deportation access to legal representation. Providing legal representation to anyone in immigration proceedings who cannot afford a lawyer protects the widely shared American values of due process and justice for all. In the face of an immigration crisis, this Board is not waiting on Washington D.C. to act but proactively taking action, and we appreciate your efforts to be a leader in this area and ensure everyone in our community has the right to fair representation in a court.

**Catalyst supports the CAO's recommended budget for an additional \$5 million to continue to support these efforts.** This program is changing lives in our community, and we are proud of the County's effort to step up. In fact, numbers provided by the Office of Assigned Counsel demonstrate an upward trend in those now having access to a lawyer.

Thank you for your leadership and we look forward to the impact this program will continue to have in our region.

Sincerely,

Megan Thomas  
President & CEO

**From:** [Erin Tsurumoto Grassi](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Paulina Reyes](#); [Patricia Mondragon](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Public comment in support of the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 12:55:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [SDIRC IRLDP LOS 2023.docx.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter of support for the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (\$5 million in the County Budget) from the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC).

Best,  
Erin

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# SDIRC

June 20, 2023

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

1600 Pacific Highway

San Diego CA 92101

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC), a coalition of nearly 50 community, faith, labor and legal organizations in San Diego County that work to advance the rights of immigrants and refugees, I am writing to express our support to continue the expansion and funding of the county's Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (IRLDP).

In May of 2021, your board approved the Legal Defense Program, now known as the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (IRLDP), to provide immigrants facing deportation access to legal representation. By providing legal representation to **anyone** in immigration proceedings who cannot afford a lawyer, we protect the widely shared American values of due process and justice for all. **In the face of an immigration crisis, this Board is not waiting on Washington DC to act. You are all taking action and we applaud your efforts to be a leader in this area.**

SDIRC supports the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO's) recommended budget for an additional \$5 million to continue to support the efforts to expand legal representation for all San Diego area migrants who are facing deportation. For migrants who cannot access or afford legal representation the deportation process is difficult and often results in unfavorable outcomes. Now that the IRLDP has been implemented, the program is changing lives in our community and we are proud of the County's effort to step up. In fact, numbers provided by the Office of Assigned Counsel demonstrate an upward trend in those now having access to a lawyer.

SDIRC has witnessed the harmful impacts of the new asylum ban and harsh border policies to arriving asylum-seekers and long-time community members. It is vital that individuals have legal representation to navigate these complex, new immigration laws and policies. We commend the program for quickly adjusting to meet the needs to provide legal assistance to those in Border

Patrol custody that are in immediate risk of deportation. However, there are still limitations, and we look forward to the day where everyone has the ability to have legal counsel by their side.

In San Diego County, we are showing the nation that we can lead with our values and ensure that the aspirations laid out in our nation's Constitution are met. This board has continued to step up for working families, for those that are unhoused, and for those pursuing the American dream. **We applaud the CAO for including funding to continue this program and ensure everyone in our community has the right to fair representation in a court.**

Thank you for your leadership and we look forward to the impact this program will continue to have in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paulina Reyes". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the rest of the letters.

Paulina Reyes, SDIRC Chair

**From:** [Hicks, Rob](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Vargas, Cipriano](#)  
**Subject:** [External] ADL Support for the LDP  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 3:50:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-1wxsmjs1.png](#)  
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Hello,

Please ADL San Diego's attached letter of support for the Legal Defense Program funding.  
Thank you!

Best,  
Rob

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June 20, 2023

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

1600 Pacific Highway

San Diego CA 92101

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was proud to support the establishment of the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program to provide immigrants facing deportation access to legal representation, and thanks the Board for being a leader in this area and taking action. By providing legal representation to anyone in immigration proceedings who cannot afford a lawyer, we protect the widely shared American values of due process and justice for all.

ADL is a leading anti-hate organization founded in 1913 to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. We are rooted in a community that has experienced the plight of living as refugees throughout its history and have advocated for fair and humane immigration policy since our founding. We have seen the consequences of leaving hate unchecked and we know how antisemitism, racism, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, anti-immigrant hate, and other forms of bias can intertwine to result in bias incidents and even deadly violence against vulnerable communities.

ADL supports the CAO's recommended budget for an additional \$5 million to continue to support the Immigrant Legal Defense Program's critical work. This program is changing lives in our community and we are proud of the County's commitment to these efforts. In fact, numbers provided by the Office of Assigned Counsel demonstrate an upward trend in those now having access to a lawyer.

In San Diego County, we are demonstrating how we can lead with our values and ensure that the aspirations laid out in our nation's Constitution are met. This Board has continued to show support for working families, for those that are unhoused, and for those pursuing the American dream. We applaud the CAO for including funding to continue this program and ensure everyone in our community has the right to fair representation in a court.

Thank you for your leadership on these issues and we look forward to the continued impact this program will have in our community.

Sincerely,

Fabienne Perlov

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