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ONE OF THE MOST COMPELLING STORIES I READ RECENTLY WAS ABOUT A GROUP OF MIGRANTS ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE DARIEN GAP, A PERILOUS CROSSING THAT IS NOW WITNESS TO MANY SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRANTS TRYING TO MAKE IT TO SAFETY AND SEEK ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. DURING THEIR JOURNEY, A YOUNG GIRL GOT SEPARATED FROM HER MOTHER AND FOR AN AGONIZING THREE DAYS, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER COULD NOT FIND EACH OTHER IN THE MIDST OF THE JUNGLE, TRYING THEIR BEST TO SURVIVE AMONG STRANGERS. WHILE THE GIRL WAS SEPARATED FROM HER MOM, THREE MIGRANTS TOOK TURNS CARING FOR HER: FEEDING, BATHING AND SOMETIMES CARRYING HER ON THEIR BACK BECAUSE SHE WAS QUITE SMALL AND UNABLE TO SWIM THE RIVER CROSSINGS. ON THE THIRD DAY, IN ONE OF THE CAMPS SET-UP FOR MIGRANTS TO TAKE SHELTER, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WERE REUNITED. WHILE THEIR FUTURE IS STILL UNKNOWN, I WAS STRUCK BY THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS IN THIS STORY – ALONG WITH THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAKE IT DESPITE GREAT ODDS, AND THE MYSTERIOUS WAYS IN WHICH FATE WORKS IN OUR LIVES SO THAT MOTHER AND DAUGHTER SURVIVED TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

WE HAVE HAD A ROUGH FEW YEARS. SOMETIMES, THOSE MONTHS TRYING TO SURVIVE A RELENTLESS PANDEMIC AND A VICIOUS POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN SEEMED LIKE CROSSING THE DARIEN GAP. IT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL LOST.

LET’S TOAST THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER YEAR WITH A GLASS HALF FULL. IN THE FACE OF SEEMINGLY INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS, CALIFORNIA HAS CONTINUED TO SHOW US THAT, DESPITE THE PERILOUS TIMES, THERE ARE GOOD CHOICES IF WE WISH TO MAKE THEM. WE CAN CHOOSE TO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH A DEEP RECOGNITION OF OUR HUMANITY AND THE NEED TO UPHOLD HUMAN DIGNITY AND MAINTAIN RESPECT. IN THIS IMPACT REPORT, YOU WILL SEE EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN. FROM PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE MEDI-CAL TO EXPANDING FOOD BENEFITS AND A CALIFORNIA ID FOR ALL, OUR STATE CONTINUES TO PAVE THE WAY. ALL OF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR PARTNERSHIP. FOR THE 26 YEARS OF CIPCs EXISTENCE, YOU HAVE JOURNEYED WITH US, IN THE SAME SPIRIT AS THOSE WONDERFUL STRANGERS WHO HELPED THAT LITTLE GIRL SURVIVE TO FIND HER MOTHER. TIME AND AGAIN, AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE NOTION OF INCLUSION AND BELONGING IN CALIFORNIA, YOU RENEW THE DEEP BONDS OF MOVEMENT AND SOLIDARITY WITH US TO ENSURE THAT THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT ON IMMIGRANT JUSTICE SUCCEEDS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDURING PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE EVER GRATEFUL.

LOVE,
CYNTHIA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT EQUITY BUDGET

CIPC began the 2022 legislative session by urging our state leaders to utilize California’s $45.7 billion surplus to help create a more equitable and resilient economy through the California Immigrant Equity Budget (IEB). This proposal was supported by nearly 150 leading health, economic justice, civil rights, social justice, and community-based organizations. The IEB aimed to: provide comprehensive health care access to all income-eligible Californians through Medi-Cal, ensure that every household can put food on the table by making CalFresh available to all income-eligible Californians, and to invest in immigrant workers who have been historically excluded from unemployment benefits. Through the IEB, CIPC was able to make momentous strides in securing greater opportunities for immigrants.

HEALTH4ALL

This year, California made history by becoming the first state in the nation to offer comprehensive health benefits to all income-eligible adults regardless of status, making California the most inclusive state in the nation in terms of immigrant health. The state budget includes funding to remove exclusions to health care for income-eligible undocumented Californians ages 26-49. This state budget plan includes $834 million ($625 million from the General Fund) in 2023-24 and $2.6 billion ($2.1 billion in General Funds) each fiscal year after that to close this gap, beginning on January 1, 2024. This proposal would end the exclusion of around 700,000 income-eligible adult Californians ages 26 to 49 from full-scope Medi-Cal. This builds upon prior policies granting Medi-Cal access to children, young adults, and adults 50 and older.
FOOD4ALL

California will also be the first state in the nation to provide state-funded food assistance to undocumented adults. In the June final budget, the governor and legislature agreed to provide $35.2 million, increasing to $113.4 million upon full implementation, to include Californians over the age of 55, regardless of immigration status, in the California Food Assistance Program. The human services budget trailer bill (AB 187) also includes provisions that do not prevent CFAP applicants from being asked to present a Social Security Number or meet the federal Food Stamp Program work requirement or other work requirements.

SAFETYNET4ALL

As part of SafetyNet4All coalition, CIPC made great strides in advocating for California to invest in immigrant workers, especially in protecting undocumented workers and including them in our safety net. The SafetyNet4All Coalition has been working since 2020 to get the governor and the legislature to fund excluded workers in the state budget. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed AB 2847, the Excluded Workers bill, which would provide $300 a week for up to 20 weeks to immigrant workers who lose their job and are excluded from Unemployment Insurance due to their status. But we won’t stop here. Momentum is growing for an Excluded Workers program. This year alone, 23 legislators and over 100 organizations signed on in support of the coalition’s budget proposal.

WHAT IS CALFRESH?

CalFresh provides benefits to buy foods you need. Once approved for CalFresh, you receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that can be used like a debit card at participating grocery stores and farmers markets.

EXPANDING CALFRESH ACCESS

Recently, California included money in its state budget to provide CalFresh to California immigrants 55 and older, regardless of immigration status. This benefit is not available yet. As soon as it is available, we will inform the community. Please stay connected for information & updates. Contact:

PUBLIC CHARGE

The federal government does not consider CalFresh as part of the public charge decision. Applying for or getting CalFresh does not affect immigration status for you or your family.

FOOD4ALL

Food4All is a state campaign that advocates to provide CalFresh for Californians of all ages, regardless of immigration status. Get involved in the campaign! Visit bit.ly/cafood4all to learn more.

1 "Updates to the Public Charge Rule." California Department of Social Services. June 2021.
IPC, along with bill co-sponsors and community partners, won California IDs for All. This bill was signed into law on September 23, 2022, expanding California Identification card eligibility to all Californians, regardless of their immigration status. This will benefit approximately 1.6 undocumented people who are eligible and could benefit from having a state government-issued identification card. This expansion is a crucial step towards advancing equity in the state.

### ONE CALIFORNIA
IPC continued to lead the One California (One CA) Network to expand legal services to underserved immigrant communities throughout the state. This year, CIPC pushed for the inclusion of $10 million for the California Immigrant Justice Fellowship, a pilot program that will increase removal defense services in California’s Central Coast and Central Valley regions. This investment will provide the much-needed infrastructure to ensure individuals and families have access to resources.
L.A. JUSTICE FUND

In partnership with a coalition of diverse organizations and after years of advocating with the Los Angeles City Council, CIPC was successful in securing a motion to make the L.A. Justice Fund focus on services with no exclusions based on a person’s past contact with the criminal legal system. Throughout the year, CIPC organized meetings with elected officials, created social media content, and developed and coordinated an overall strategy to have L.A. City Council remove exclusions based on a person's past criminal history. CIPC’s advocacy efforts culminated in a unanimous vote from the City Council in favor of a model to provide affirmative services without criminal exclusions and the allocation of $2 million towards this model.

VISION ACT

Despite advocacy efforts from CIPC and our partners in the ICE Out of California coalition, the VISION Act (AB 937, Carillo) failed, by three votes, to pass the Senate.
THE METAMORPHOSIS
FROM THE IMMIGRATION STRATEGIC MESSAGING PROJECT TO CoLAB

Nearly five years ago, CIPC was approached by its partners with a big idea: to incubate and administer a novel messaging research project with the potential to broaden and deepen public support for immigrants and pro-immigrant policies. This innovative experiment later became known as the Immigration Strategic Messaging Project (ISMP). After three successful phases of research, ISMP collaborators deepened their understanding of the persuadable mindset on immigration and identified a messaging architecture (rooted in deep research from multiple experiments) that can be applied across a range of immigration issues to communicate in ways that garner resilient majority support. Along the way, they’ve identified new challenges (e.g., communications staff capacity and coordination) and opportunities (e.g., appetite for collaboration, tools, resources, and training among state and local communications leaders) to apply lessons like these at scale.

To help build the kind of narrative infrastructure that can wield narrative power at scale, CIPC is evolving the way it structures its messaging research activities from the ISMP to a new format: an in-house communications lab, dubbed the CoLAB. The CoLAB carries on the important vision of the ISMP and is built from the same DNA – a commitment to co-creation, curiosity, and compassionate listening.
**RECENTERING COMMUNITY VOICES**

**REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT**

The Regional Capacity Building Project (RCBP) was initiated in 2013 as a way to deepen and strengthen connections across California and to coordinate tactics and campaigns. Since then, there has been significant progress in building regional and cross-regional capacity and infrastructure through RCBP which has paved the way for local and state policy victories on issues such as health care, immigrant inclusion, and economic justice. These victories ushered in a new wave of power within communities developing stronger communities and community leaders. Building on the victories of 2022, the RCBP space will transition from capacity building to a movement-building space in which RCBP will shift into building the broader movement and leveraging multiple approaches in coordinated, mutually-supportive ways.

**IMMIGRANT DAY OF ACTION ‘22: TAKING THE LEAD CENTERING IMMIGRANT EQUITY AND VOICES**

Immigrant Day of Action (IDA) 2022, CIPC’s annual statewide advocacy day – a day when partners, advocates, and supporters gather at California’s Capitol in Sacramento to lobby for equitable policies – took place virtually this year on April 26th. Over 400 community members, constituents, advocates, friends, and allies participated in more than 50 legislative visits to urge our elected representatives to support the Immigrant Equity Budget, as well as to support street vendors, California IDs for all, stopping ICE transfers, and an alternate plea for drug convictions to minimize immigration consequences for our communities. The day was kicked off by Ernesto Rocha, aka Undocubae, Bamby Salcedo, Betzabel Estudillo, and Tam Ma; we also learned from partners and community leaders about statewide efforts to create pathways for immigrant inclusion and racial justice, lessons from the frontlines of worker justice, and the importance of intersectionality within our movement.
POLICY AND PALETAS

On October 27, 2022, we gathered in community with partners, fellow advocates, and supporters in Sacramento for our annual Policy and Paletas celebration. This year, we honored our collective efforts and celebrated our legislative wins, in particular the historical milestone we witnessed in the Health4All campaign.

POWERUP

This year, CIPC’s bi-annual statewide conference, PowerUp, took a different approach, reaching new audiences throughout California. CIPC partnered with researchers to host a series of policy dialogues – listening sessions with community members, community-based organizations, advocates that serve immigrant communities, and other stakeholders. The goal of these listening sessions was for CIPC to develop a deeper understanding of the most pressing issues and challenges facing low-income immigrants in California. Findings gathered during these sessions will be used to inform CIPC’s state-level legislative and budget advocacy agenda. The PowerUp series was kicked off with a webinar on October 26, 2022, led by speakers Cynthia Buiza (Executive Director, CIPC), Nana Gyamfi (Executive Director, Black Alliance for Just Immigration), and Dr. Manuel Pastor (Director, USC Equity Research Institute). The webinar was followed by listening sessions in the Central Valley on November 4, 2022 and in San Diego on December 1, 2022.
On January 2022, in partnership with La Piana Consulting, CIPC embarked on developing and implementing a new 3-year strategic plan. During the planning process, La Piana conducted interviews with key stakeholders, joined staff retreats and staff calls to gather additional feedback, and gathered institutional history through an extensive review of past reports and archival materials. La Piana met regularly with select staff and members of CIPC’s Board of Directors to discuss findings which culminated in a detailed strategic and implementation plan. The implementation plan contains benchmarks for 2023 to 2024 and will be a useful tool for evaluating the organization’s external impact.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION**

CIPC upholds the humanity of immigrant communities in California by transforming systems to achieve racial, social, and economic justice.

During the planning process, we updated and refined our organizational mission and identified goals for the next few years that aim to advance immigrant rights in California by implementing an equity agenda that brings us close to a California for everyone.

1. Boldly advance equity by passing cutting-edge legislation anchored on a racial justice agenda that addresses the needs of immigrant and BIPOC communities in California, and sets an example for immigrant rights nationwide.

2. Engage the community from the ground up by re-envisioning our regional capacity building, campaigns, and coalition work to reflect a post-pandemic California and what it means for transformative movement building around immigrant justice.

3. Innovate for a more equitable future. Leveraging the result of our strategic messaging work and charting a new path towards winning the immigration narrative.

4. Lead the charge for immigrant justice.
2022 FINANCIALS

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