Silicon Valley Community Foundation

ADVANCING INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPIC SOLUTIONS TO OUR REGION’S MOST CHALLENGING PROBLEMS

IMMIGRATION IMPACT REPORT
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INTRODUCTION

Silicon Valley Community Foundation was created 10 years ago to galvanize support for local issues, convene regional private and public sector leaders and initiate policy discussion at the county, state and national level. As we begin a comprehensive grantmaking review process to determine our new grantmaking strategies, to be announced in October 2017, it is important to assess what has been accomplished, what was not successful and what has been learned.

Since 2008, SVCF has made a total of $90 million in grants to more than 500 organizations as part of our strategic grantmaking and community impact work in four key areas: economic security, education, immigration and building strong communities. In addition to these areas, SVCF also makes grants through its community opportunity fund, which focuses on time-sensitive issues and regional innovation.

This work is made possible by the generosity of donors who have chosen to support SVCF with gifts to our community endowment, including bequest gifts. We are especially grateful to the late Tom Ford, who established the Sand Hill Endowment Fund to support SVCF’s community impact work – and the region he loved – in perpetuity. We also have been fortunate to receive grants for our work from the Skoll Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, The Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation, the Hurlbut-Johnson Foundation Fund and the Bernard A. Newcomb Foundation.

We are pleased to present this impact report to summarize the key successes related to our immigration strategy, as well as our learning over this period. The data presented in the report are based on an independent, third-party evaluation of our grantmaking conducted by LFA Group: Learning for Action.

Percentage of the Total Population Who are Foreign Born, 2013

United States: 13.1%
California: 26.9%
San Francisco: 34.9%
Silicon Valley: 36.8%

Source: 2015, Index of Silicon Valley. Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Silicon Valley Institute for Regional Studies

Silicon Valley, for purposes of this data, includes all of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, the city of Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County and the cities of Fremont and Newark Union City in Alameda County.
SILICON VALLEY: A REGION OF IMMIGRANTS

Silicon Valley is a diverse region. More than one third of the 2.5 million residents of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties are immigrants, and almost two thirds of those younger than 18 are children of immigrants. Immigrant entrepreneurs have contributed considerably to innovation and job creation in Silicon Valley, and nearly half of our workforce is foreign-born. Our region's continued prosperity and quality of life depend on our ability to create communities that recognize immigrants as assets and that honor shared values of family, hard work and opportunity for all.

However, more than twice as many immigrant and refugee families in Silicon Valley are living in poverty (7.8 percent) as compared to the general population (3.8 percent). These immigrants are not only challenged by the high cost of living in Silicon Valley but also by language, educational and legal barriers that make it difficult for them to access economic opportunities and participate fully in our society. Applying for citizenship or obtaining a work permit can be time-consuming and cost prohibitive for many immigrants. And Spanish-speaking immigrants are targeted by fraudulent notarios – those who often falsely represent themselves to immigrants as being licensed lawyers – who sell false promises of security and stability in the United States.

OUR IMMIGRATION STRATEGY

After careful research and an extensive community input process, SVCF decided to make strategic investments in programs that would strengthen the legal services infrastructure in our region to ensure the provision of affordable and reliable legal services for immigrants. We made investments in programs that provided Vocational English and English as a Second Language courses to ensure greater economic advancement by immigrants, and that encouraged coordination and best practices among community colleges, adult education schools, and community-based organizations. We also funded the use of art and media, coupled with a social-change agenda, to bridge the cultural gap and create better understanding of both the receiving and immigrant communities in our region.

We recognized that to achieve any measurable difference in these areas, collaboration would be essential. To that end, SVCF has actively partnered with other foundations, corporations, nonprofits, donors and government agencies to extend our reach and impact. SVCF also has played a unique role in facilitating collaboration among its nonprofit partners. This has been done through quarterly cohort meetings during which grantees come together to learn from each other, engage in critical discussions and take collective action to move the needle on challenging social issues.

In addition, each of SVCF's grantmaking strategies and sub-strategies has been guided by an expert advisory committee. The committee has worked closely with staff to discuss trends in the field, review proposals and ensure grantmaking investments have met our strategic goals. Committee members have provided expert involvement and advice as well as public accountability in our grantmaking decisions, and we are extremely grateful for their service over several years (see Acknowledgments section).

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1 2015 Index of Silicon Valley. Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Silicon Valley Institute for Regional Studies.
3 2016 Index of Silicon Valley. Joint Venture Silicon Valley and Silicon Valley Institute for Regional Studies.
WHAT WE ACHIEVED

Through the work of our community partners, we have increased the capacity of legal services providers to assist immigrants in their pursuit of citizenship and community engagement. We have supported thousands of adults who have enrolled in and completed Vocational English and English as a Second Language courses. In addition, we strengthened the partnerships between community colleges and adult schools to increase career pathways for immigrants.

Key successes in each of these areas are briefly described below, and two feature stories showcase notable accomplishments in greater detail.

We Helped More than 40,000 Immigrants Receive Affordable, High-Quality Legal Services

In 2009, SVCF provided seed funding for two immigrant legal services collaboratives that are now the most recognized and trusted in the region: the South Bay Legal and Immigration Services Network (SBLISN) and Collaborative Resources for Immigrant Services on the Peninsula (CRISP). The impact on the immigrant community has been significant. More than 40,000 immigrants have received affordable, high-quality legal services through these collaboratives. In 2014 alone, SBLISN and CRISP worked on more than 11,000 legal cases, 95 percent of which had successful outcomes, including clients who obtained 10-year legal permanent resident (LPR) cards, favorable asylum decisions or U.S. citizenship.

In addition, SVCF funding helped nearly 80 legal staff in 15 nonprofit legal service agencies receive Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accreditation, which certifies that the nonprofits provide the highest standard of competent, high-quality legal services to immigrants. This accreditation allows legal staff to counsel immigration clients, complete immigration forms and represent clients before the Executive Office for Immigration Review.

Two immigrant legal services collaboratives funded by SVCF have worked on more than 11,000 cases since 2014.

5 SBLISN includes the Center for Employment Training, The International Rescue Committee of San José, Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance, Santa Clara University Law School’s Katherine and George Alexander Community Law Center, and Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network.

6 The Collaborative Resources for Immigrant Services in the Peninsula (CRISP) include the following immigrant-serving organizations: International Institute of the Bay Area – Redwood City, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, La Raza Centro Legal, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, Catholic Charities of San Mateo County, Coastside Hope.
We Developed Innovative Technology Tools to Help More Immigrants on the Path to Becoming Citizens

Since 2009, SVCF has made over $900,000 in technology-related investments to help more immigrants on the path to U.S. citizenship. The ability to apply for better-paying jobs, the right to vote and the chance to become involved in civic life without fear are some of the many benefits of citizenship. And yet there are an estimated 2.5 million immigrants in California who are eligible to apply for citizenship and have not done so because of high costs – the application fee is $680 – and the arduous, multi-step, multi-form process, which is particularly daunting for those learning English.

In response to this issue, SVCF funded development of the Webby Award-winning tech tool CitizenshipWorks. Launched in August 2011, CitizenshipWorks (citizenshipworks.org) is a web platform that offers an interactive citizenship eligibility screening that only takes a few minutes to complete. The site features tutorials on naturalization and information about what people can expect from the application process and where to find legal help. Over 15,000 N-400 applications for naturalized citizenship have been generated using CitizenshipWorks since it launched.

Given the limited capacity of legal services agencies to meet demand within immigrant communities, the need to recruit and manage volunteers is essential – especially for large-scale workshops that serve hundreds of immigrants at once. To aid in this process, SVCF provided funding in 2013 for the development of Conec.us, a volunteer recruitment and management website. Specifically designed for nonprofit legal service agencies, Conec.us hosts volunteer opportunities and recruits and manages volunteers in a straightforward, simple way without requiring adoption of a new system or database. To date, more than 500 registered volunteers have provided 1,700 hours of volunteer time to boost the capacity of legal service agencies in our region.

In 2015, SVCF funded the development of an additional suite of tech tools called e-immigrate. The e-immigrate platform streamlines registration for large-scale workshops while allowing agencies to serve more people efficiently and confidentially. In April 2016, e-immigrate's phone registration system allowed more than 1,300 immigrants to claim spots at Santa Clara County’s Citizenship Day. Each caller was given a unique identification number, could opt-in to receive text reminders and was able to select a language preference. Having this information made the event run more smoothly; event organizers ensured there were enough staff and volunteers on hand with the necessary language capabilities, which resulted in less wait time for immigrants seeking help.

We Helped Immigrants Become New Citizens and DACA Recipients through Innovative Partnerships with Government

Because of SVCF’s recognized leadership on immigration issues, in 2015 both the City of San José and the County of Santa Clara asked us to engage in partnerships that provided over $2 million in funding to assist undocumented immigrants eligible for administrative relief in the immigration process, including the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) programs. The programs funded by these partnerships focused on outreach to more than 22,000 individuals, screened over 2,200 individuals for possible relief options, and referred more than 500 immigrants to immigration alternatives other than the DAPA and DACA programs in the first six months of 2016.

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7 As of January 1, 2012, Migration Policy Institute: http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/naturalization-trends-united-states#statecity
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“When someone does something themselves — even if it’s filling out an application online — it’s an empowering experience. That’s one of our goals: to empower the immigrant community,”

— Eric Cohen, executive director of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, a member of CRISP
Additionally, through cross-county collaborations between SBLISN and CRISP, several citizenship and DACA workshops were held, enabling thousands of individuals to benefit from these efforts. This collaborative workshop model involved local government, educational institutions, local businesses and volunteers and offers a significant cost savings for immigrant communities. The estimated cost to file an application through a private firm is $2,000, but the assistance offered at these workshops is free to participants. Beginning in September 2015, over 1,000 immigrants attended and completed their applications at workshops held by SVCF partners, resulting in over $2 million saved. In addition, 278 immigrants had the application fee of $680 waived due to economic need, which was another benefit made possible through these workshops.

We Helped More than 11,000 Adult Immigrants Increase their English Proficiency to Gain Access to Greater Economic Opportunities

Limited proficiency in English can be a barrier to economic growth and stability for immigrant families. Studies show that immigrants with limited proficiency in English earn 25 to 40 percent less than their counterparts who are proficient in English. Because English is the language of opportunity, SVCF has provided funding for high-quality English programs for adult immigrants, programs that are flexible in adjusting to learners’ levels of proficiency and their occupational interests. These programs, led by community colleges, adult schools and nonprofits, have helped more than 11,500 students improve their English skills. Every year, approximately 70 percent of students in the courses we funded increased their ability to interpret and respond to content-specific questions in English. In addition, approximately half of the students who completed English courses pursued higher-level courses. This means immigrants were better equipped to enter the workforce and take advantage of opportunities that could potentially lead to higher wages.

International Institute of the Bay Area staff member Rosa Uriarte helps volunteers and immigrants fill out forms at a citizenship workshop in San Jose.

We Created Bridges for English Language Learners to Higher Education and Careers

In 2009, SVCF invested in the creation of the Alliance for Language Learners’ Integration, Empowerment and Success (ALLIES)\(^9\), a cooperative effort of community colleges, adult schools and community-based organizations, to address the fragmentation of English language services and the needs of local residents with limited English proficiency. Over half of all working-age adults in Silicon Valley speak a language other than English at home and often face multiple barriers to achieving their educational or employment goals. These can range from lack of professional contacts in their career fields to limited course availability to childcare and transportation needs.

Adult schools and community colleges have historically been the main providers of English as a Second Language classes in California, but such programs experienced devastating funding cuts during the recession. Even now, SVCF partners are only able to serve approximately 3,000 students per year, which is a small percentage of the estimated 940,000 students seeking adult education programs in the South Bay Area\(^10\).

One of ALLIES’ most important accomplishments has been to create bridges between adult schools and community colleges, thereby providing a pathway for English language learners into higher education. ALLIES has improved: (1) the alignment between adult schools and community colleges on student English language assessments, (2) enrollment, counseling and orientation of adult education students regarding community colleges, (3) data-tracking of the movement and success of students between systems and (4) relationships among educational institutions that historically have been competitors.

In 2012, ALLIES partnered with the region’s Workforce Investment Boards to launch the Silicon Valley ALLIES Innovation Initiative. This effort connects immigrant adults with work readiness and career-technical training in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The Department of Labor awarded Silicon Valley ALLIES a $2.3 million grant for three years to develop a collective impact model focused on providing adult English learners with specific coursework and job training in growing sectors like hospitality and health.

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10 The South Bay Area is defined as the following school and community college districts providing adult education: Campbell Union High School District, Metropolitan Education District, Milpitas Unified School District, San José-Evergreen Community College District, Santa Clara Unified School District and West Valley-Mission Community College District. Adult Education Regional Planning.
We Helped Develop a Three-Year “Welcoming San José” Plan

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San Jose is not alone in efforts to create immigrant-inclusive policies and practices. Other jurisdictions – including the cities of Daly City, Half Moon Bay and Palo Alto and San Mateo and Santa Clara counties – are seeking assistance from ILG to ensure their policies and practices are inclusive of immigrants.

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Office of Immigrant Support and Coordination (OISC) was launched. The office becomes the fourth such office in our region. It joins the Office of Immigrant Relations in Santa Clara County, the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs in San Francisco, and the City of San José’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**We Helped Immigrants Tell Their Stories to Inspire Action**

An important part of SVCF's early grantmaking under our immigration strategy was to support efforts – using media, the arts and dialogue – that put a human face on the complex issues surrounding immigration. We partnered with Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) to produce “Asian American Voices,” an innovative project that paired film with dialogue and multimedia tools to deepen understanding of the immigrant experience, build trust between diverse groups of people and inspire action in support of immigrant communities. The film received the 2011 CreaTiVe Award in the Non-Profit Social Services category, as well as the Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations Beacon of Light Award.

**We Helped Inform Immigrants of their Right to Obtain a Driver’s License**

Under a California law passed in 1994, immigrants without legal status were no longer able to apply for a driver's license. Given most immigrants' daily schedules and travel needs — going to/from work, appointments, school drop-offs and pick-ups, etc. — not driving is not an option. Unfortunately, driving without a license often results in tickets, vehicle impoundment, arrests and even deportation for undocumented immigrants. Assembly Bill 60, passed in 2013, restored access to driver's licenses regardless of immigration status. Shortly after AB 60 (Alejo) was implemented in January 2015, SVCF partnered with key organizations such as Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN), Silicon Valley DeBug and Presente.org to launch a storytelling and educational campaign encouraging eligible individuals to come forward and get their driver’s licenses. The stories collected were poignant and practical, and they affirmed the importance of these licenses to the community. As of September 30, 2016, 778,000 California driver licenses had been issued under AB 60. Experts estimate California will issue 1 million such licenses by the end of 2016.

**We Successfully Lobbed in Support of Legislation to Protect Immigrant Communities from Unnecessary Deportation**

One of SVCF’s focus areas beginning in 2012 was to advocate for limits on certain provisions of the federal Secure Communities program within California. Though intended to combat illegal immigration, Secure Communities led to high deportation rates of immigrants even for minor violations. Under the Secure Communities program, when a person is in custody, local law enforcement officials are required to run that person's fingerprints through a federal database to determine his or her immigration status. Even if the person is eligible for release from custody, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) requests that local law enforcement continue holding those who have been found to be undocumented so that deportation proceedings can commence. This program eroded the trust between law enforcement agencies and was detrimental to immigrant communities. SVCF lobbied California state representatives and helped mobilize advocates for passage of the Trust Act in 2013 (AB 4 – Ammiano), which enabled California to opt out of the federal Secure Communities program. In California, local law enforcement agencies are no longer required to screen and detain individuals based on their immigration status.

**WHAT WE LEARNED**

While there are many wins to celebrate as a result of our immigration grantmaking strategy, it is equally important that we reflect on the lessons SVCF has learned from work that fell short of our expectations.

11 E-mail communication with Brock Wells, Forecasting Unit, State of California, Department of Motor Vehicles. October 19, 2016.
For example, comprehensive immigration reform stalled at the national level. However, we learned that there continues to be a need for investments in legal services, especially for unaccompanied minors who arrive in the U.S. alone and for those in deportation proceedings who are at risk of being separated from their families. As one of the few funders in this arena, SVCF’s investments have been crucial to strengthening and expanding the ability of nonprofit legal service agencies to provide high-quality, affordable assistance to the growing number of immigrants needing help in Silicon Valley.

In addition to our investments in direct services, it has been crucial to explore creative and innovative uses of technology to increase the reach and impact of those services. We have learned that there is tremendous opportunity for funders to experiment with new technology and meaningfully engage community partners in real world problem-solving around how it can be used to address capacity challenges. Our investments in CitizenshipWorks, Conec.us and the e-immigrate technology tools have made the process of becoming a citizen more efficient and cost-effective for thousands of immigrants.

Strategic coordination with local government has also been critical to solidifying support for immigrants. The joint DACA/DAPA grant program managed by SVCF with significant input from both the County of Santa Clara and the City of San José utilized each organization’s expertise and enabled funds to go toward preparing immigrant communities to take advantage of the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA+) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) programs.

After the Supreme Court decision in June 2016 that left in place an injunction prohibiting the implementation of those programs, the collaboration between SVCF, the City of San José and the County of Santa Clara is helping to identify practical strategies to educate and support immigrants. These strategies help combat fraud and fear, maintain momentum for immigration reform, and prepare the community for the implications of potential policies in the future.

In addition to learning much about the power of partnership, we also learned that bridging multiple sectors – such as higher education systems, which include community colleges and adult schools – requires sustained commitment. For example, because of our successful work with the Alliance for Language Learners’ Integration, Empowerment and Success (ALLIES) over a five-year period, more adult education providers became involved in advocating for statewide legislation (AB 86) that eventually restored $500 million to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the California Department of Education.

Even though our immigration strategy has leveraged the capacities and strengths of multiple partners, we learned that influencing people’s perceptions about the contributions of immigrants in our region required significant investments in communications. Our efforts to build the communications capacity of our nonprofit partners proved to be too daunting. Most organizations that participated in our “bridging the cultural gap” sub-strategy had a primary mission of providing direct services to immigrants and lacked the time and resources to effectively communicate their stories to the public.

We are both appreciative of what we have learned and proud of what we have achieved. We have helped thousands of immigrants in our region gain access to citizenship and legal services, and better economic opportunities through language acquisition.

As we begin a yearlong comprehensive review of our grantmaking strategies, we are eager to discover the possibilities that will emerge, and to begin a new chapter in our efforts to improve life for residents of Silicon Valley.
SVCF nonprofit partner African Advocacy Network helps immigrants with legal issues, housing, health care referrals and more, and can provide services in more than 10 languages.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Nonprofit Partners Who Helped Make it Happen

Adult English Language Acquisition

Alliance for Language Learners Integration Education and Success
Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Building Skills Partnership
Campbell Union High School District
Cañada College
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
Community Initiatives (for Nuestra Casa)
Creating Economic Opportunities for Women, Inc.
Deaf Counseling, Advocacy and Referral Agency
Escuela Popular Del Pueblo
Evergreen Valley College
Fremont Union High School District
Gavilan College
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees
Jefferson Adult Education
Jefferson Union High School District
Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley
KQED, Inc.
Learning and Loving Education Center
Metropolitan Education District
Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School
Multicultural Institute
Narika
National Immigration Forum/New American Workforce
North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center
Nuestra Casa
Palo Alto Unified School District
Puente de la Costa Sur
Refugee Transitions
San Jose - Evergreen Community College District Foundation
San Jose Grail Family Services
San Mateo Adult School
San Mateo County Community College District
San Mateo County Community College Foundation
Sequoia Adult Schools Scholars
Sequoia District Adult School
Silicon Valley De-Bug
The San Jose Public Library Foundation
Upwardly Global
Vision Literacy
WestEd
West Valley-Mission Community College District Foundation

Total Investments

$5,035,898
Bridging the Cultural Gap

Asian Americans for Community Involvement
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California
Citizen Engagement Lab Education Fund (for Presente.org)
City of Redwood City
Collective Roots Garden Project, Inc.
Community Initiatives (for Active Voice)
Community Learning Center
Day Worker Center of Mountain View
Institute for Local Government
Midpeninsula Community Media Center, Inc.
Nuestra Casa
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center
Peninsula Interfaith Action/Faith in Action
People Acting in Community Together, Inc.
Redwood City 2020
Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance Inc.
San Francisco Organizing Project/Peninsula Interfaith Action
San Mateo Adult School
San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)
Silicon Valley De-Bug
SOMOS Mayfair
University of Southern California
Voto Latino

Total Investments
$2,844,300
**Strengthening the Legal Services Infrastructure**

African Community Health Institute  
Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach  
Catholic Charities CYO of the Archdiocese of San Francisco  
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.  
Center for Employment Training  
Collaborative Resources for Immigration Services on the Peninsula, whose members include:  
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  - Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
  - Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County  
  - The International Institute of the Bay Area  
  - Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto  
  - La Raza Centro Legal  
  - Coastside Hope  
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto  
Congregational Church of San Mateo  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Dolores Street Community Services, Inc. (African Advocacy Network)  
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Institute for Local Government  
International Association of Sufism  
International Institute of the Bay Area  
International Rescue Committee, Inc.  
Islamic Center of North Marin  
Islamic Networks, Inc.  
League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County  
Marin Interfaith Council, Inc.  
Mission Asset Fund  
Muslim Advocates  
National Immigration Forum/New American Workforce  
Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto  
Pacific News Service  
Pangea Legal Services  
Peninsula Clergy Network  
People Acting in Community Together, Inc.  
Pro Bono Net, Inc.  
Proteus Fund  
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  - Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance Inc.  
  - Santa Clara University Law School’s Katherine and George Alexander Community Law Center and Services  
  - International Rescue Committee  

**Total Investments**

$6,486,284
Advisory Committee

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Laura Hill  Public Policy Institute of California
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Maria Teresa Petersen Kumar  Voto Latino
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Advisors are shown along with the organizations with which they were affiliated when they served on the committee.

POSTSCRIPT

As we issue this report in December 2016, we are acutely aware that there are many uncertainties and anxieties about the future direction of federal immigration policy. We have heard from a wide range of local partners that there appears to be a growing and more open hostility directed toward immigrants and their children that, in some cases, has led to confrontations and violence that mirror what has been nationally reported. SVCF remains committed to using all of our resources to help ensure that every resident, regardless of race, ethnicity, country of origin, gender or sexual orientation, has the opportunity to succeed and to be free of harassment.
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