

Immigrant Legal Services Agreements

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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Immigrant Legal Services Programs

AFFIRMATIVE

- Applications for Asylum, U Visa, T Visa, DACA, TPS, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Naturalization
- Adjustment of status
- Family based petitions

REMOVAL DEFENSE

- Evidence gathering and submission, witness preparation, responses to DHS requests
- Habeas actions to secure release from detention
- Appeals to Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
- Bond proceedings

RAPID RESPONSE

- 24/7/365 hotline
- Emergency attorney response to individuals detained by ICE
- Urgent attorney response to individuals at risk of deportation
- Legal consultation
- Limited-scope legal services

Program Impact Snapshot, 2025

<i>AFFIRMATIVE</i>	<i>REMOVAL DEFENSE</i>	<i>RAPID RESPONSE</i>
321 legal consultations	159 legal consultations	20,000+ calls to the rapid hotline
1,541 legal workshops on asylum, naturalization, other forms of relief	134 emergency/urgent attorney activations	8,500 volunteers trained as hotline verifiers
		1,000+ People accompanied to immigration court or check-ins

Legal Services Provider Network

Legal Aid has partnered with the County continuously since 2017. It serves as the lead agency coordinating a collaborative model of legal service providers, including the following organizations:



This coordination model ensures integration to streamline referrals and reduce duplication across Affirmative, Rapid Response, and Removal Defense work

Recommendation: Approve Immigrant
Legal Services Agreements with Legal
Aid Society of San Mateo

The Community We Serve

745,100

Total population*

1 IN 3

Foreign-born residents

1 IN 6

Residents identify as LEP

45.3%

Residents (over age 5) speak
a language other than
English at home

*United States Census Bureau's 2019–2023 American Community Survey, Table C16001,
and 2023 American Community Survey, Table DP05

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