



Seeking Sanctuary: Municipal Policy to Confront Mass Deportation and Criminalization

*Hosted by New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Local Progress
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Monday, March 27th

- 1:00 to 1:15pm **Welcome & Introductions**
- 1:15 to 2:30pm **Opening Plenary: Local Policy, National Impact**
- 2:30 to 4:00pm **Tour of New York Immigrant Family Unity Program***
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- 4:00 to 5:30pm **Panel Discussion: Learning from & Replicating New York City's Access to Counsel Programs**
- 6:00 to 8:30pm **Dinner, Performance & Discussion with Broadway Actors Coalition at New York City Hall***
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Tuesday, March 28th

- 8:00 to 8:30am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 to 9:30am **Panel Discussion: Reducing the Risk of Deportation: Municipal Policies to Stop the Co-option of Local Public Safety Officers for Federal Immigration Enforcement**
- 9:45 to 10:45am **Two Breakout Discussions:**
- *Spectrum of Limiting Cooperation with Immigration Authorities:*
 - *Criminal Justice Reform to Break the Feeder Pipeline*
- 11:00 to 12:15pm **Panel Discussion: Promoting Justice and Equity in an Era of Indiscriminate Enforcement**
- 12:30 to 1:30pm **Lunch & Communications and Messaging Workshop with Anat Shenker-Osorio**
- 2:00 to 3:15pm **Panel Discussion: Strategies for Fighting Back: Litigation and Fighting State Level Preemption**
- 3:15 to 4:30pm **Panel Discussion: Taking the Offensive Strategy: Coalition Building & Organizing**
- 4:30 to 5:30pm **Small Group Strategy Discussions: Moving to Action**
- 5:30 to 6:00pm **Closing**

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Opening Plenary: Local Policy, National Impact

Over the past decade, cities have been leading on advancing policies to protect and empower immigrant communities – from policies that prevent local public safety officials from being coopted to do the job of federal immigration agents, to policies that seek to include and empower immigrant communities such as municipal ID cards, drivers’ licenses, and participatory budgeting. These policies have been crucial tools to help build strong and safe cities with robust, thriving and growing economies bolstered by the contributions of immigrant communities. With local policies and communities under intense threat with both the intensification and expansion of enforcement activities and the recent unconstitutional Executive order threatening to deny funding to “sanctuary cities”, a new level of policy innovation and collaboration between local efforts is necessary. Our opening plenary will discuss why strengthening and expanding local immigrant protection policies is essential in this moment, how local policies can add up to national impact, and the leadership (both in policy making and in using all of the tools of elected office) that this moment requires from elected officials at all levels.

2:30 to 4:00pm

Tour of New York Immigrant Family Unity Program*

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Join service providers to tour New York City’s innovative New York Immigrant Family Unity Program (NYIFUP). Funded by the New York City Council, NYIFUP provides representation for all indigent detained people in deportation proceedings at the Varick Street Immigration Court, and a portion of people at the Elizabeth, NJ; Ulster, NY; and Batavia, NY immigration courts. This innovative program increases the chances that immigrants will win their cases by 1,000 percent.

4:00 to 5:30pm

Panel Discussion: Learning from & Replicating New York City’s Access to Counsel Programs

This discussion will include an overview of various legal services models, including the New York Family Immigrant Unity Project and work across the country including in San Francisco and Philadelphia to increase access to legal services for immigrants facing deportation.

6:00 to 8:00pm

Dinner, Performance & Discussion with Broadway Actors Coalition at New York City Hall

We invite you to join us at a performance/workshop on Monday evening that brings the Broadway community into our efforts to amplify the stories, struggles, and vision at the center of the sanctuary movement. The evening is part of The Invitation, an ongoing series that merges Broadway performers with leaders on the front lines of social change to create new, arts-based forms of advocacy and action. The series arose out of a need within the theater community to harness their power as activists to make substantive change and build bridges across disciplines. Out of this need, a partnership was formed between Columbia Law School and the Broadway Advocacy Coalition, a group that includes stars of the Broadway casts of Shuffle Along, Hello Dolly, After Midnight and the national tour of Hamilton. March 27th's Invitation will deal directly with issues of sanctuary and immigration. It will embed Broadway artists into three World Premiere pieces, one of which will be based around testimony of members of Local Progress. The event will also provide an opportunity to engage with how artistic work can intersect with issues on the ground, and how it can broaden impact, deepen understanding, and build a movement.

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Panel Discussion: Reducing the Risk of Deportation: Municipal Policies to Stop the Co-option of Local Public Safety Officers for Federal Immigration Enforcement

This panel will look at the range of tools and tactics that local governments have to combat efforts by the federal government to force local governments to enforce unjust deportation mandates. It will also examine the ways in which our criminal justice policies and systems can result in deportation even when localities are taking all steps to ensure that local public safety resources are not being forced to do the job of federal immigration agents. This panel will include discussion of a broad array of tools and tactics including ICE detainers and requests for notification, 287 (g) agreements, ICE in jails, detention contracts as well as discussion of essential criminal justice reforms that local lawmakers should be considering in this moment to decrease unjust deportations.

9:45 to 10:45am

Two Breakout Discussions:

- **Spectrum of Limiting Cooperation with Immigration Authorities:** *Detainers & Requests for Notification, 287(g) Agreements, Limitations on letting ICE into jails, Detention (private prisons & contracts with city and county facilities), etc.*
- **Criminal Justice Reform to Break the Feeder Pipeline:** *NCIC database, Fingerprinting considerations, Summonses (encouraging civil enforcement over criminal), Requiring prosecutors to consider immigration consequences when they decide whether to charge someone & whether to dispose of the case, Arrest policies for criminal vs. administrative warrants, Pre-Plea Diversion Programs, Warrant Clearings*

11:00 to 12:15m

Panel Discussion: Promoting Justice and Equity in an Era of Indiscriminate Enforcement

The President's recent Executive orders have given DHS carte blanche to target virtually anyone for detention and deportation. The kind of rampant enforcement is problematic not only in and of itself, but also in the broader set of impacts it has on the lives of immigrants and the cities they call home. This panel will provide an overview of the current state of immigration enforcement policy and practice, and a discussion of the effect such policies will have on the efforts of local governments to provide equal access to public education, health care, shelter, and other social and legal services. Speakers will also discuss a wide range of strategies for mitigating the many negative consequences that aggressive immigration enforcement has on communities, including limits on information gathering and on information sharing, as well as limits on access to local property and facilities.

12:30 to 1:30pm

Lunch & Communications and Messaging Workshop with Anat Shenker-Osorio

With each new Executive order, hate crime and anti-immigrant utterance, it's challenging for advocates for more welcoming communities to know how to respond. How do we move from reacting to our opposition toward setting the terms for debate? In this session, Anat Shenker-Osorio, a researcher applying tools from cognition and linguistics to political discourse, will walk us through empirically backed findings on how to effectively engage our base and persuade the middle on immigration and the rights of people seeking asylum.

2:00 to 3:15pm

Strategies for Fighting Back: Litigation and Fighting State Level Preemption

This session will discuss court rulings that address the authority of municipalities to limit cooperation with immigration authorities, current and anticipated litigation, as well as explore individual and joint litigation strategies in both, affirmative and defensive litigation.

3:15 to 4:30pm

Taking the Offensive Strategy: Coalition Building & Organizing

Since November, hundreds of thousands across the country have taken to the streets and airports in powerful actions to stand up against the Muslim travel ban, unconstitutional Executive orders and enforcement actions and political rhetoric that have created fear in our communities. How can elected officials collaborate with movement organizations and formations to advance immigrant protection policies in this moment? How should we be thinking differently about collaboration, coalition building and organizing? This session will involve discussion with leaders of community, faith-based and movement organizations.

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Small Group Strategy Discussions: Moving to Action

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