San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network

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Immigrant Family Day Press Conference:

Immigrant Families Visit District Supervisors & Mayor to Highlight Needs of Immigrant Communities in San Francisco

WHAT: The San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network, a citywide effort to increase legal services and education capacity, along with community members will be meeting with District Supervisors and the Mayor to address budget issues important to immigrant communities and to share recent accomplishments of the Network.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 11:30AM TO 12:00PM

WHERE: Front steps of San Francisco City Hall (Polk St.)

WHY: Immigrants make up more than one-third of the City's population, yet immigrants are faced with limited access to services provided by San Francisco. Recent remarks from San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom have affirmed the City's welcoming spirit for immigrant communities. Now is the time for these statements to be supported with funding that will make San Francisco not only a welcoming place for all immigrants – but a model city for the rest of the state and country. In the absence of humane immigration reform and increase of Immigration Custom Enforcement (I.C.E) activities, the City's residents need appropriate legal services, language access to public services, affordable housing, municipal identification, community based citizenship classes, and rental assistance for families affected by ICE raids.

WHO: Immigrant families and their children representing a cross section of immigrant communities in San Francisco, members of Grace Urban Ministries, members of Out4Immigration and members of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network

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The **San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network (SFILEN)** includes Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Arab Resource & Organizing Center, African Immigrant & Refugee Resource Center, CARECEN, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Dolores Street Community Services, Filipino Community Center, La Raza Community Resource Center, La Raza Centro Legal, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, St. Peter's Housing Committee and PODER.

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