

# MIGRANT JUSTICE PLATFORM

## A UNITY BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

In June of 2019, a Blue Ribbon Commission comprised of 20 individuals, from various grassroots organizations, backgrounds, and communities, convened to launch the development of a policy blueprint for use by the next administration to immediately repair harms and reverse failures caused by previous administrations.

The result is the Migrant Justice Platform, a roadmap of Executive and Legislative actions from grassroots voices across the United States and abroad that parts ways from the “single-bill” strategy that has defined immigration politics for two decades. It is a unity blueprint intended as a launching point for an open-source effort that centers grassroots voices on various aspects of immigration reform.

The Migrant Justice Platform presents a vision and principles to change course from the failed “comprehensive immigration reform” strategy of previous administrations. It recommends concrete executive and congressional actions in three thematic areas: at home, on the southern border, and abroad.

In its recommendations, it lays out concrete policy recommendations to ensure our undocumented, TPS, DED, and DACA sisters and brothers breathe free without fear of persecution; a centering of workers rights within immigration policy; a new policy approach to the borderlands that includes demilitarization and restructuring of border agencies; and a rethinking of the U.S. impact and role abroad.

Overall, it is the beginning of a new discussion for immigration action that must include impacted communities, remedy past mistakes, and see the whole of the global crisis.

### FOUR PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE MIGRANT JUSTICE PLATFORM

**1 WE DON'T BELIEVE SOME MUST SUFFER FOR OTHERS TO ADVANCE.  
WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.**

**2 WHITE SUPREMACISTS HAVE IMPLEMENTED THEIR PROGRAMME FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE. OUR AGENDA MUST RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.**

**3 MIGRANT WORKERS SUBSIDIZE THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.  
THAT'S NOT UP FOR DEBATE.**

**4 IMMIGRATION IS NOT ONLY A DOMESTIC POLICY ISSUE. WE ARE HERE,  
BECAUSE YOU ARE THERE.**

## **PART I EQUALITY AND INCLUSION FOR ALL PEOPLE (AT HOME)**

### **IMMEDIATE**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

1. Moratorium on all ICE operations, deportations and detentions
2. Shut off Secure Communities dragnet and decouple all federal immigration enforcement from local law enforcement (programs 287g, BOA, WSO, and related ICE Access programs)
3. End immigrant detention, including family detention; and all federal detention contracts with municipalities, private detention, and tech companies
4. Expand reprieve and work authorization for undocumented population, including those deported unjustly
5. Workplace Relief Order for workers
6. Inter-governmental Taskforce to review and dismantle rogue DHS agencies, beginning with ICE

#### **CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES**

1. Re-establish and modernize various opportunities for citizenship for 11 million, TPS, DED, and DACA holders

2. Restoring and scale-up U.S. Department of Labor
3. Decriminalize working and enact the POWER Act
4. Full rights for future workers & Transnational Labor Citizenship
5. Enact the NEW WAY FORWARD Act

## **PART II BUILD BRIDGES, NOT WALLS (ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER)**

### **IMMEDIATE**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

1. De-militarize the border
2. Establish a Truth, Reunification and Reconciliation Commission to address family separation, migrant deaths, and white supremacist violence in border communities
3. Eliminate obstacles to asylum: end Zero Tolerance, end Remain in Mexico, end the Muslim Ban
4. Establishing Welcome Centers at ports of entry and re-purpose failed wall panels as Migrant Memorial Site
5. Procedural due process and fairness for asylum-seekers
6. End use of entry and re-entry charges

### **CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES**

1. Demilitarize and restructure the Customs Border Protection agency with fundamentally humanitarian mission and social service capacities
2. Enact a stand-alone Border De-Militarization bill

## **PART III WE ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE (ABROAD)**

### **IMMEDIATE**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

1. Transnational Labor Citizenship Initiative
2. Respect sovereignty and promote healthy, public institutions abroad
3. Re-enter the Paris Agreement
4. Re-engage with international human rights mechanisms
5. End deportation diplomacy
6. Re-issue Temporary Protected Status (both TPS and DED) for all 13 countries

#### **CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES**

1. Ensure pathways to Citizenship and Permanent Residency for all people from 13 countries with TPS and DED
2. New Migration Pathways

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## **MIGRANT JUSTICE PLATFORM CALL TO ACTION**

*This blueprint is an exercise to expand our political imagination - to make clear how much our political representatives have not done, and how much they can still do. The government has the authority and capacity to do everything in the Migrant Justice Platform, and much more. But nothing is a given, unless we make it happen. This list is not the end-point, it is the beginning.*