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WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 11th

More information to follow in our December newsletter

CFIR WORKING WITH JUDICIAL WATCH

CFIR is cooperating with Judicial Watch, an organization that works with citizens and locales to determine public policies relating to illegal immigration, as well as other issues, and holding governmental officials accountable. They look into programs and activities that receive tax dollars for illicit and unlawful use. On page 2 is a list of their activities related to illegal immigration.

CFIR has compiled information for Judicial Watch to use and we ask for your cooperation in helping us to acquire information that you think would be important for Judicial Watch to know in their research of the Metroplex.

Judicial Watch submitted on August 26, 2008 this "Public Information Act Request" to the Dallas Police Department, requesting:

1. All Dallas Police Department policies, procedures, orders, and/or ordinances concerning illegal aliens.
2. All Dallas Police Department policies, procedures, and/or ordinances concerning communications with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The Dallas Police Department response included a copy of their Dallas Police Department General Order, 315.00 Arrests Requiring Special Handling, revised April 11, 2007. The following is a section of this Dallas Police Department General Order:

315.04 Illegal Immigrants

- A. The U.S. Immigration Code denies us the authority to enforce its provisions, therefore we do not enforce immigration laws. All other laws apply to illegal immigrants.
- B. Officers will not stop or contact citizens for the sole purpose of determining immigration status.
- C. Arrest reports will contain arrest elements only and not refer to immigration status.
- D. INS agents have the sole responsibility for determining the immigration status of incarcerated persons.
- E. The INS must confirm outstanding NCIC detainer hits for INS violations. Confirmed hits will be booked as Hold for INS.
- F. Detention Services Supervisors will release city charges when requested by INS.

Judicial Watch Investigations and Lawsuits

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/immigration.shtml>

- ◆ JW Fight for Jailed Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean.

Day Labor Centers:

- ◆ JW fought to end tax-payer funded labor sites promoting employment for illegal immigrants...
Herndon Day Labor Center
Laguna Beach Day Worker Center
Other JW Efforts Across the Nation are on the website.

Sanctuary Cities:

- ◆ JW is fighting for the rights of police officers to inquire after the citizenship status of detainees...
- ◆ District of Columbia Police Department Lawsuit
- ◆ Staudenraus v. Spitzer
- ◆ Chicago Police Department Lawsuit
- ◆ LAPD Special Order 40
- ◆ Houston's Illegal Immigration Policies
- ◆ JW Files Amicus Brief in Support of Hazleton, PA Illegal Immigration Enforcement Policies
- ◆ JW Writes Letter in defense of Rhode Island Police Officer
- ◆ Fonseca v Fong
- ◆ JW Statement regarding Phoenix Police Department Reversal of Illegal Alien Policy

Editor's note:

Sign their Sanctuary Busters Petition
www.sanctuarybusters.org

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Nominating Committee Selects CFIR 2009 Slate

The Nominating Committee has selected the following officers for 2009: President, Jean Towell, Vice President, Ray Currey, Secretary Anita Bailor, and Treasurer, Howard Shipley.

At our December meeting, the election will take place and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Lois Neal, Nominations Committee Chair

New Board Members

Welcome to **Robin Bernier and Marvin Brooke** who have agreed to serve on the CFIR Board of Directors.

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Texas News



Gov. Perry: Transnational Gangs Pose Significant Threat to Texas

<http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/11337/>

Announces Gang Initiative, Asks Legislature to Continue Border Security Funding

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today accepted the Border Security Council's report and asked the legislature to support continued border security funding to protect our state. Texas has taken unprecedented steps to secure its border with Mexico and is facing a growing threat: transnational gangs. They are infiltrating our communities and threatening the safety of our citizens.

“One of the most significant threats to our state's security is the rise of ruthless and powerful transnational gangs,” said Gov. Perry. “Working with local law enforcement, we will bring unprecedented pressure to bear on the leadership structures of these gangs and grind them down – one tip at a time, one conspiracy conviction at a time, one gang at a time.”

Gangs like the Mexican Mafia, the Texas Syndicate, Barrio Azteca and MS-13 are threatening Texas citizens, and these increasingly sophisticated organizations are expanding their influence across our state, recruiting members in our schools, communities and prisons.

Gov. Perry's gang initiative builds on the proven border security strategy of working with local law enforcement and increasing resources for surge operations, as well as providing resources for investigations and prosecutions. The initiative calls for a multi-jurisdictional gang strategy that includes:

- Expanding the sharing of vital gang information at all levels of law enforcement across the state;
- Centralizing gang intelligence;
- Expanding effective local law enforcement gang operations in identified “hot spots”;
- Increasing resources dedicated to multiagency criminal enterprise investigations targeting leadership of the most dangerous gangs;
- Seeking enabling legislation to arm law enforcement with essential gang fighting tools; and
- Expanding gang prevention efforts.

Gov. Perry’s proposal to the 2009 Legislature for continued funding for border security includes \$110 million sustained border security funding as well as \$24 million to combat transnational gang activity across the state.

“Securing our international border is a federal responsibility, one that Washington has yet to fulfill,” Gov. Perry said. “As a result, the Texas Legislature took decisive action last session by providing the necessary funding to secure our border. I ask that they continue to support this critical effort to protect our communities and combat the escalating threat of gangs in Texas.”

This request for funding follows the Border Security Council’s report, which supports the state’s successful border security strategy and recommends continued funding for border operations; performance measures such as deterrence and prevention of crime; reporting requirements for participating law enforcement agencies; and continued auditing of grant funds. The council, created during 80th Legislative Session, was also charged with advising the governor regarding the allocation of discretionary state homeland security funds.

To view the Border Security Council’s report, please visit: www.governor.state.tx.us

Governor Perry Comment Line - 1-800-252-9600

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Texas Issues Different-Looking Driver's License for Immigrants, Reshapes Debate

By Emily Renshaw / he Dallas Morning News
Published: 10-13-08

Temporary
Visitor

Expiration
Date



AUSTIN -- Foreign nationals living in Texas must now prove they're in the country legally before getting a state driver's license or identification card -- one that will look markedly different from those issued to U.S. citizens.

"While we welcome legally documented individuals to the Lone Star State, we must ensure that this privilege is not abused by those seeking to enter our country illegally," Gov. Rick Perry said. "These new guidelines will provide additional security."

The licenses and identification cards, which will be vertical instead of horizontal, will also be stamped with the words "temporary visitor" and will list the date their legal residency expires. Advocates for immigrant rights say the change could facilitate profiling.

"If you're an employer, or you're a person who rents out apartments, and you see a vertical license, that could have a negative impact," Dallas City Council member Steve Salazar said. "There's going to be an added incentive for people not to get a license."

Under the new guidelines, DPS will not issue or renew licenses or ID cards for any immigrant who is here illegally, or who has overstayed his or her residency.

Nor will the agency give them to immigrants who have permission to stay for fewer than six months.

DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said people who are living in the country illegally and show up to get a license without proper identification will simply be turned away. Their information will not be passed on to

authorities.

"They won't be arrested ... unless there is already a warrant out for their arrest," Ms. Mange said.

U.S. citizens will not have to provide any additional evidence; birth certificates and other information already on file with the state is sufficient. And online and mail-in renewals will still be allowed as long as they include proper documentation.

Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, vice chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said the change has negative implications that will cost average citizens. People will continue to drive without licenses, he said -- and without a license, they won't be able to get insurance.

"Then the people who work hard to pay for their auto insurance will find out their accidents aren't insured," said Mr. Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio. "It's very poor judgment, and an attempt to isolate and single out a class of individuals for no legitimate law enforcement purpose."

Texas' new policy follows a Dallas Morning News report last year that hundreds of foreign nationals had traveled to Dallas between 2003 and 2005 to obtain fraudulent Texas driver's licenses. The ringleader of the scam took advantage of a loophole in the state's issuance policy that allowed immigrants to get licenses with only a foreign passport and a visa, even if the visa had expired.

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Mexican Traffickers Likely to Kill in U.S.

Diana Washington Valdez / El Paso Times
10/05/2008

Official says borders don't exist for drug traffickers

EL PASO -- Mexican drug cartels likely will continue to commit revenge killings in the United States in order to protect their interests, said Phil Jordan, retired DEA official and ex-director of the El Paso Intelligence Center.

El Paso law enforcement officials prefer to downplay the prospects of this happening here, but Jordan contends "It's very easy to take a body across the border to Mexico,

where you might never find the body again."

Recently, U.S. federal authorities charged Ricardo Godinez-Calleros with kidnapping a man in El Paso earlier this year over an alleged drug debt and transporting him to Juárez. Godinez-Calleros is being held without bail at the El Paso County Jail.

In another case in Phoenix, several people wearing SWAT-type uniforms and wielding R-15 rifles with Aimpoint sights broke into a Phoenix home and fired numerous rounds, killing a U.S. citizen.

Phoenix police arrested three of about six suspects, two of them undocumented immigrants from Mexico, who allegedly confessed they were hired by a Mexican drug cartel to carry out a hit.

Jordan said he learned from U.S. federal sources that the Sinaloa drug cartel, which is affiliated with Joaquin "Chapo" Guzman, allegedly was behind the attack in Phoenix. The Phoenix Police Department continues to investigate the slaying.

Mexican authorities said the Sinaloa cartel is battling other factions of the fractured Juárez drug cartel for control of the Juárez-El Paso corridor.

More than 1,000 people have been killed in Juárez this year, most of them victims of drug-related violence.

Texas Lawmakers Concerned about the Integrity of the Ballot Box

State Representative Brown Vows to Continue the Fight for Voter ID

"I will continue to fight for Voter ID. . . The ACORN investigation wreaks havoc on the voter registration system and taints the outcome of an election. This could potentially drag out elections across the country for weeks because of allegations of ballot boxes being stuffed. The solution is simple; require voters to present a photo ID at the polls." --State Representative Betty Brown



In the 2007 TX Legislative session, Representative Brown's legislation that would require a photo ID to vote was passed by the Texas House, but failed in the Senate because of the

requirement that 2/3 of the Senators must vote to bring a bill to the floor. However, the Lieutenant Governor, who presides over the Senate, can rescind this at anytime. (ED)

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Senator Patrick Announces Voter Integrity Initiative

Recent voter registration activities illustrate the need to better protect our most cherished right



AUSTIN – Senator Dan Patrick (R-Houston) is announcing his intent to file legislation that will clean up the voter registration process in Texas.

Senator Patrick intends to file a bill this upcoming legislative session that will impose significant fines and penalties on deputy voter registrars that file more than one duplicate voter registration application. The bill will also require the termination of their appointment.

A Foreign Country Demands

“Migrants involve themselves in U.S. elections”

National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers

<http://www.nafbpo.org>

Prensa Libre (Guatemala City, Guatemala) 8/30/08

An article titled "Migrants involve themselves in U.S. elections" had the following highlighted side feature, headed "What they expect" (under which the following were listed):

Hispanics demand that a migratory law be approved and that the undocumented (read: illegal aliens) be legalized.

- ◆ Integral migratory reform which includes the legalization for Latinos who live in the U.S. without documents;
- ◆ Assistance programs for the development of Latin American countries with the object of reducing poverty and offering more opportunities so that its population does not emigrate;

Migrant leaders should be taken into account and links should be established between (migrants') communities and governmental institutions;

- ◆ More support for migrant communities to facilitate access to college studies because many U.S.

citizens who are the children of Hispanics have difficulties in being able to access higher education;

- ◆ Ending massive round-ups against migrants, especially in work places;
- ◆ Detained migrants to be treated in a more dignified manner and with respect for human rights.

ICE Activities

ICE Operation Community Shield Pete Sessions Weekly Newsletter

During a five-day operation in early October, ICE officials arrested 99 fugitive illegal immigrants in the Dallas area as part of the National Fugitive Operations Program. This program was created in 2003 to pursue illegal immigrants who fail to appear at their scheduled immigration hearings or who have fled after being sentenced to deportation. This program is part of the larger effort by ICE to target, arrest and deport illegal immigrants who commit crimes in the United States.



Those arrested during the Dallas operation were foreign nationals from Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, Mexico, Nepal and Nicaragua. Of the 99 arrested, 22 had previous criminal convictions. In fiscal year 2008, the ICE Fugitive Operations Teams in Dallas and Oklahoma City made 1,629 arrests.

Migration News

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ICE estimates that 40,000 foreigners a year ignore deportation orders and remain in the US. ICE has 75 fugitive arrest teams, but they have not achieved their goal of making 1,000 arrests a year.

ICE in October 2008 announced that 1,759 gang members and other criminals had been arrested in the previous four months in 53 cities throughout the US, including 730 who face criminal charges- the others were unauthorized migrants. ICE's Operation

Community Shield targets 890 gangs with foreign-born members, including the Salvadoran gang MS-13. Since the gang sweeps began in February 2005, ICE has arrested 11,106 gang members and associates.

Those arrested without deportation orders are detained until an immigration judge orders their removal from the U.S. The Washington Post on October 5, 2008 reported that ICE's detention and deportation system often loses files and foreigners, frustrating immigration judges and slowing removals. With state and local police trained under the 287(g) program turning more unauthorized foreigners over to ICE, problems managing apprehended foreigners and getting them into immigration courts are expected to increase.

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Commentary Illegal Aliens and Crime

**How Sanctuary Cities Endanger
National Security**
Armstrong Williams - *The Washington Times*
Monday, October 6, 2008

Refuges of Crime and Terror

"BK." The letters are an acronym for "Black Killer." In Mr. Espinoza's case, the "B" was crossed out. The crossed out "B" means that he has killed black people. For assassins like Mr. Espinoza, part of their gang initiation is to go out and randomly gun down someone who is black.

This and similar incidents should never happen, but obviously they do. Mr. Espinoza, who was also raised in the American juvenile system, should have been deported early on due to his run-ins with the law. Instead, he was allowed to seek refuge in a sanctuary city. In many ways, sanctuary cities are a threat to our national security.

Illegal immigrants should not have a right to stay in America illegally. They should be fined, given a reasonable time to earn citizenship and monitored or deported. (CFIR agrees only with the deportation part of this sentence.) Many legal immigrants will tell you the

same. After going through the hard work of earning their citizenship, they recoil at the notion of being associated with such activities. Indeed, legal immigrants consider the sanctuary-city phenomenon as a threat not only to their reputations, but also to their communities. They will tell you that illegal immigrants who commit crimes should not be given sanctuary; they should be jailed or deported.

Not surprisingly, California has more sanctuary cities than any other state - over 30. These sanctuary cities are destroying people's lives. Somehow, this fact is lost on Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who continues to turn a blind eye to the sanctuary-city phenomenon. Clearly, Mr. Villaraigosa is playing to his base; after all, Los Angeles has the second-highest population of Mexicans behind Mexico City. In fact you will often hear chants from the Mexican community that Los Angeles was stolen from them and that they're

determined to take it back by any means necessary. For obvious reasons, Mr. Villaraigosa will never utter a word likely to offend such a large part of his constituency. Meanwhile, sanctuary cities continue to give cover to illegal immigrants who should have been rooted out a long time ago.



Sadly, the Shaw family and many other families are facing an uphill battle in their attempts to rid California of sanctuary cities. Their stories need to be heard so that others who live in potential sanctuary cities will fight back. In San Francisco, for example, police officers and other city officials are prohibited by a voter-approved ordinance from inquiring into anyone's immigration status. Additionally, the city by the bay puts no funding or manpower toward enforcing immigration law unless legally directed to do so via a warrant or federal mandate.

Obviously the liberal city feels good about these ridiculous policies or it wouldn't allow for a law that directly led to the senseless murders of Tony Bologna and his sons just a few months ago. Edwin Ramos, an illegal immigrant from El Salvador and a known member of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) street gang,

gunned down Mr. Bologna and his sons, Michael, 20, and Matthew, 16, when Mr. Bologna inadvertently blocked Mr. Ramos from making a left-hand turn in the Excelsior District of San Francisco. This was not Mr. Ramos' first brush with the law. The killer was booked on felony weapons charges and for illegal street gang activity earlier this year. But thanks to San Francisco's sanctuary-city status, instead of being reported to federal immigration authorities and deported, Mr. Ramos was allowed to roam the streets of San Francisco until his arrest for the Bologna killings.

Almost as bad, San Francisco has recently been taking juvenile illegal-immigrant criminals and instead of prosecuting or deporting them, sending them to group homes in neighboring counties without notification. As absurd as this sounds, it's true. Not only are San Francisco officials not turning over illegal immigrants as federal law requires, but they are spending taxpayer dollars to house or monitor these criminals, and worse, putting their own citizens at risk.

There is obviously much debate about how to handle the illegal-immigration problem facing America today. But if we can't all agree that illegal immigrants who commit crimes should immediately be jailed or deported, then we need to bring in federal police to do the job that the sanctuary-city police forces are not allowed to do. Too many innocent people are paying the price so that liberals can win their petty political battles.

Unfortunately it might take more incidents like the deaths of Messrs. Shaw and Bologna before people wake up and demand justice.

Good News on the Home Mortgage Front Mortgage Prospects Dim for Illegal Immigrants

Miriam Jordan - <http://online.wsj.com>

Jose Luis Hernandez rose from vegetable chopper to sous chef at an exclusive New York restaurant -- and saved \$100,000 along the way. Recently, the illegal immigrant from Mexico contacted real-estate agents in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he currently rents an apartment.

"I wanted to use my money as a down payment on a house," says Mr. Hernandez, 32 years old. In doing so, he sought to join thousands of undocumented workers who in recent years have purchased homes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or ITIN, instead of a Social Security number. The Internal Revenue Service doesn't give Social Security numbers to illegal immigrants; it issues ITINs, which enable them to open bank accounts and report their income to the government for tax purposes.

But Mr. Hernandez quickly learned that things have changed. He says he was told that, "unfortunately, if you don't have a Social Security number, you cannot buy property." (rest of story online)

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Government is instituted for the common good; for the protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness of the people; and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men." - John Adams

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