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La campaña "We Are Home" se compromete a deshacer la crueldad de Trump y a luchar por la legalización de millones de inmigrantes indocumentados

Este es el año. Ahora es el momento.

Washington, DC – El lanzamiento de la campaña We Are Home es otro recordatorio de que las cosas que parecían inamovibles en inmigración han cambiado. El progreso real es posible. Este año.

Biden envió un audaz y amplio proyecto de ley de inmigración desde su primer día en el cargo. El nuevo gobierno ya ha puesto en funcionamiento ocho nuevas acciones ejecutivas en política migratoria. Se esperan más para este viernes. El apoyo público

nunca ha sido más fuerte. Los demócratas reconocen que los alguna vez temidos ataques con lenguaje cifrado están perdiendo terreno. Y el movimiento por la justicia migratoria nunca ha sido más fuerte.

Tal como lo informó The Hill, en una carta enviada al líder de la mayoría en el Senado, Chuck Schumer, y a la presidenta de la Cámara de Representantes, Nancy Pelosi, por parte de la directora de la campaña We Are Home, Nathaly Arriola, se hizo notar que:

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DTE Energy Foundation awards \$330,000 to fund scholarships for Wayne State University Latino/a and Latin-American Studies students



DETROIT – The Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) at Wayne State University announced the DTE Energy Foundation awarded a \$330,000 grant that will fund

scholarships to open doors for students from underrepresented communities through the DTE Energy Foundation/MiHC Scholarship. This grant is the DTE Foundation's latest

commitment to CLLAS, which provides equitable access to quality university education for students interested in U.S. Latino/a and Latin-American cultural studies while enhancing diversity on campus.

"We are so grateful to the DTE Energy Foundation for this historic gift to our Center to support deserving students driven to succeed," said Dr. Víctor Figueroa, acting director, CLLAS. "With these funds, our students can prioritize their path toward a college degree."

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Biden to prioritize legal status for millions of immigrants



SAN DIEGO, California (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden's decision to immediately ask Congress to offer legal status to an estimated 11 million people in the country has surprised advocates given how the issue has long divided Democrats and Republicans, even within their own parties.

Biden will announce legislation his first day in office to provide a path to citizenship for millions of immigrants in the United States illegally, according to four people briefed on his plans.

The president-elect campaigned on a path to citizenship for the roughly 11 million people in the U.S. illegally, but it was unclear how quickly he would move while wrestling with the coronavirus pandemic, the economy and other priorities. For advocates, memories were fresh of presidential candidate Barack Obama pledging an immigration bill his first year in office, in 2009, but not tackling the issue until his second term.

Biden's plan is the polar opposite of Donald Trump, whose successful 2016 presidential campaign rested in part on curbing or stopping illegal immigration.

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Indoor Dining Reopens February 1; Caution and Focus on Enhanced Ventilation Recommended

Concessions and personal services also allowed under new MDHHS epidemic order



LANSING, MICH. Following last week's announcement about the plan to reopen indoor dining, the Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services (MDHHS) released its next epidemic order today, which continues the department's fact-based approach to reopening activities, and

goes into effect on Monday, Feb. 1. The order will allow for indoor dining at restaurants with certain requirements; concessions at casinos, movie theaters and stadiums; personal services requiring mask removal; and non-residential gatherings of up to 10 people from two households. The new order will last three weeks, until Sunday, Feb. 21.

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City opens applications for Legacy Detroit status for recreational marijuana licenses, lists city owned properties available for discount sale to Detroiters



DETROIT – Detroiters interested in obtaining one or more of the 10 different types of Adult Use Recreational Marijuana-related licenses can now take the first step by applying to be certified as a “Legacy Detroit,” in advance of license application window opening on April 1, Councilman James Tate and Mayor Mike Duggan announced today.

Legacy Detroit applications are now available at www.detroitmeansbusiness.org/homegrown.

The Adult Use Recreational Marijuana ordinance, approved by Detroit City Council late last year, gives preference to long time Detroit residents seeking licenses. Becoming a certified Legacy Detroit provides the following benefits in the newly created recreational marijuana industry in Detroit, including:

- At least 50% of licenses in most of the 10 license categories must be awarded to certified Legacy Detroiters.

- A 99% discount on licensing fees in 2021 and 75% discount on licensing fees in 2022.

- A 75% discount on city-owned land.

- Ability to apply for a one-year “provisional” license if the applicant does yet own a property

- List of available city-owned properties now available

Individuals also can view several properties the city will be offering at a discount to approved Legacy Detroit applicants. The City has compiled a list of 17 vacant city owned lots and commercial buildings that will be reserved for applicants who have received CRIO certification as Legacy Detroiters. As one of the benefits of the ordinance, Legacy Detroit purchasers will receive a 75% discount on the listed sale price. All sales require City Council approval, must be paid in cash and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

- 9 structures
- All 9 approved for adult consumption, safety compliance
- 4 of 9 also approved for grow, processor, secure transport
- 4 of 9 also approved for provisioning center/retail
- 8 vacant land
- All 8 approved for adult consumption, safety compliance
- 5 of 8 also approved for grow, processor, secure transport
- 2 of 8 also approved for provisioning center/retail

- The full list of properties can be found here: <https://detroitmeansbusiness.org/homegrown/>

- “I’m proud of the work we’ve

done with input from residents, those in the cannabis industry and the administration to craft legislation that ensures equity in Detroit’s cannabis industry,” said Councilman Tate.

Mayor Duggan credited Councilmember Tate for his extensive work helping to craft an ordinance that puts Detroiters first. “Thanks to the leadership of Councilmember Tate, we have an ordinance that gives longtime Detroiters an unprecedented opportunity to benefit from this new industry in their city,” said Mayor Duggan. “Our work now will be to help applicants navigate the process so they can have the greatest chance for success in obtaining a license.”

How to apply to become a Legacy Detroit

To qualify for the Detroit Legacy program, you must currently reside in Detroit, and be able to document that you:

- Lived in Detroit for 15 of the last 30 years, or Lived in Detroit for 13 of the last 30 years and are low income, or Lived in Detroit for 10 of the last 30 years and have marijuana conviction or have a parent with a marijuana conviction.

Applicants will need to submit copies of documentation to certify their legacy status, such as pay stubs, tax returns, mortgage or rental lease documents, etc. Detroiters must submit a Detroit Legacy application and pay the associated fee to be certified and take advantage of the program benefits

License Application Dates

The date all license applicants can begin applying for adult-use licenses beginning April 1, 2021 however, under the ordinance, Legacy Detroiters will be provided a 45-day window, during which only their applications will be reviewed. The applications to obtain one of the adult use recreational marijuana related licenses also will be found at www.detroitmeansbusiness.org. Below are detailed timelines for each of the application review periods by license applicant types:

Detroit Legacy applicants:

- Application review begins May 1, 2021

- General applicants with existing medical marijuana license:

- Application review begins June 16, 2021

- General applicants without existing medical marijuana license:

- Application review begins August 1, 2021

Step-by-step guides to application by applicant type can be found at detroitmeansbusiness.org or by calling 313-224-3179 (BSEED Licensing and Permits).

License Breakdown

There are 10 types of licenses: Medical Marijuana provisioning center, adult use retailer establishment, grower, processor, safety compliance facility, temporary marijuana event, microbusiness, designated consumption lounge and secure transporter.

For more information about the adult-use marijuana ordinance or the social equity program component, visit DetroitMeansBusiness.org.

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

CLLAS fulfills its mission of delivering opportunities for higher education to students from underrepresented communities through recruitment, advising, learning communities and academic training – and career and graduate school preparedness. Around 70% of CLLAS students are first-generation college students, and a majority are Pell-eligible or come from households deemed as high-need by the WSU Office of Student Financial Aid.

Recipients will be able to use the scholarship for tuition or other expenses, such as room and board.

“At the DTE Energy Foundation, we recognize the significant and unique contributions our Latino and Latina friends, family members and neighbors make not only within our organization, but in our schools and communities as well,” said Lynette Dowler, president, DTE Foundation. “Through our \$330,000 commitment to – and longstanding partnership with – CLLAS, together, we’ll empower our future leaders to achieve their dreams and continue to drive our city, state and nation forward.”

2020 DTE Energy/MiHC Scholarship recipients

The first DTE Energy Foundation/MiHC Scholarship funds were awarded in the fall 2020 academic term to Ana Estefania Sandoval and Mindi Ochoa; the remaining funds have been placed into a permanent endowment fund to be awarded to future eligible

students each year.

Ana is a first-year student at Wayne State University studying health science. She graduated from Western International High School in Detroit where she participated in the MiHC Scholars Program. Mindi is a first-year student studying criminal justice. She graduated from Melvindale High School and joined the MiHC College Scholars Program in the fall. Both students completed the Summer Enrichment Program at CLLAS and are currently participating in its first-year learning community, which features mentoring, specific general education courses, and other cultural and academic activities.

“I am determined to earn my degree and make an impact in my community as a pediatrician or pediatric nurse,” said Ana Estefania Sandoval. “The scholarship from the DTE Energy Foundation and the academic support from MiHC and CLLAS have helped me to develop confidence and know that I can achieve great things.”

The DTE Energy Foundation has a long history of supporting the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, including gifts totaling \$200,000 to the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) to help incoming first-generation college students succeed in core classes and smoothly transition to college-level academics. SEP welcomed its 16th cohort of students this summer, modifying the program to an entirely virtual format.

Additional scholarship funding

The DTE Foundation also awarded a \$5,000 grant to Wayne State University to support the Jorge L. China scholarship, which will be awarded to a student who is

earning a minor in Latino/a and Latin American studies at WSU, with preference given to those with a demonstrated commitment to community service and engagement.

Priority for this scholarship will go to students who are participating in the Michigan Hispanic Collaborative (MiHC), an organization that provides academic and career support programs to students in high school and beyond. MiHC’s strategic focus is improving Hispanic high school and college graduation rates in Detroit. JoAnn Chávez, senior vice president and chief legal officer, DTE Energy, serves on MiHC’s board of directors.

“The DTE Energy Foundation is helping to fill a great need in our community,” said Anita Martinez, executive director of MiHC. “We are excited to partner with CLLAS in our efforts to support students to and through college.”

CLLAS was established in 1971 as the Latino En Marcha Leadership Training Program and became the Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies shortly thereafter. It was born from grassroots community efforts to establish an educational program to help train leaders led by Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) and New Detroit, Inc. More than 2,000 students have participated in CLLAS programs over 50 years, including many leaders and professionals in Detroit and the Southeast Michigan Community. CLLAS also offers university courses in Latino/a and Latin American studies and an academic minor.

The next round of DTE/MiHC scholarships will be awarded in fall 2021.

EL CENTRAL is looking forward to give salute to individuals in the community for their giving and sharing spirit

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