

Immigration Committee Update 12/18/25



A woman waits outside Delaney Hall in subfreezing conditions to visit a detained person on Sunday, Dec. 14th in Newark. Photo by Andres Kudacki for The Jersey Vindicator. Click here to read the article.

Join us for our Immigration Committee meeting on January 20th from 6-7:45 p.m. at Haddonfield United Methodist Church. New Jersey's Office of New Americans will present information about the services its office provides. The remaining time will be used to continue planning actions and events in smaller teams while building community. All are welcome.

Your Presence is a Present

It was great to see so many folks come out on December 10th for our organizing meeting at the Collingswood Library. It was messy, fun, and loud -- but productive. People are getting to know one another and making action plans. You all are an incredibly inspiring group!

Another group we need to inspire is our state legislators -- especially Senate President Scutari and House Speaker Coughlin. Calling those guys and your state legislators about New Jersey's Immigrant Trust Act (NJITA) would be a present to all New Jerseyans this holiday season. So please join our Phone Zap happening from December 18th - December 22nd and help get the NJITA passed during this lame duck session.

No experience necessary! The one-line script and phone numbers are provided in the link below. Not in the mood for chatting? Leave a message :) Easy peasy -- but makes a BIG difference.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PHONE ZAP LINK AND INFO FOR CALLING LEGISLATORS ABOUT NEW JERSEY'S IMMIGRANT TRUST ACT](#)

Good News from Camden County!

Our very own Camden County Commissioners passed a resolution on December 11th in support of the New Jersey Immigrant Trust Act (NJITA). Nah...that's not the commissioners in the image below, but it is a few of the CRI members who showed up at the commissioners meeting in support of the NJITA.

The commissioners thanked CRI for bringing the NJITA to their attention, making Camden County the sixth county in New Jersey to pass the resolution. Woo-hoo! We can make things happen! Oh, and the commissioners also thanked CRI for all of the work it is doing on behalf our community and democracy and stated they look forward to working with us in the future. That's you!

Consider sending a message of thanks to our commissioners. Call them at (856) 566-2900 or email them at commissioners@camdencounty.com. Gratitude is how we roll.



[CLICK HERE FOR INFO ABOUT CRI'S LAST PROTEST OF 2025 "SOLIDARITY SUNDAY" DECEMBER 28TH SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS AND STAND UP FOR DUE PROCESS!](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS CRI MEMBERS FOR MAKING THIS SEASON BRIGHTER FOR FAMILIES!



Cooper River Immigration Committee collected a carload of toys, a carload of household essentials, and over 230 pounds of food for Wholesome Riches to share with families this holiday season.

PLUS! The Stitches for Solidarity Group continues to work miracles with its Embracelets -- those amazing friendship bracelets that bear the name of a detained person. The Embracelets brought in enough funds to purchase more blankets for family members forced to wait outside in the cold at Delaney Hall Detention Center (pictured at the top of this newsletter)



Ring in the New Year with Stitches for Solidarity All Are Welcome

Stitches for Solidarity is a group of CRI sewers/quilters/knitters who are interested in putting their needles to work for spreading caring and kindness in these troubled times. Since last August, our group has created 15 fabric quilts, 35 crocheted blankets, over 50 knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, and mittens, as well as hundreds of Embracelets that are used to raise funds to support the families of ICE detainees.

All skill levels are welcome! Even if you've never made a quilt or worked with yarn or embroidery floss before, we'll need people to cut and iron fabric, roll yarn balls, and sort beads at the event (and you may end up learning how to use a needle or crochet hook along the way!).

Join us and spread kindness with the warmth of a handmade item that embraces someone in need!

[RSVP for Stitches for Solidarity Here -- Thursday, January 8th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.](#)

Support Immigrant Owned Businesses Buy a Yummy Gift Card for That Important Someone on Your List

- [La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant & Bar: 856-782-7114. 40 E. Gibbsboro Rd. Lindenwold, NJ](#)
- [El Taco Loco: 856-964-2636. 2311 Federal St. Camden, NJ](#)
- [Jersey Kebab: 856- 240-1390. 729 Haddon Ave. Collingswood, NJ](#)
- [El Jacalito: 856-352-4078. 309 S Black Horse Pike, Blackwood, NJ](#)

Update from CRI's Creative Team



🦋 This past week, the Creative Team designed a repeatable prototype to create reusable butterfly signs—a pro-immigrant symbol—just for one idea, and we're excited to see what other creative designs people come up with!

For more behind-the-scenes butterfly entertainment, check out the TikTok link right here.

It will make you smile. REALLY.



And here are some of the butterflies in action. CRI members visited a church to support our immigrant friends, neighbors, and community members by letting them know we are all one family.



Join this fun Spanish class! Build your language skills while developing the confidence needed to communicate with and advocate for our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Beginners and all levels of Spanish are welcome.

Thursday, January 15TH, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Voorhees library in meeting room C.

[Register here for our next drop-in Spanish class.](#)

CUT THIS CARD OUT & SLIDE UNDER THE DOOR

Officer: I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant or signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you can slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

IF YOU SEE ICE... Spread info, not fear!

Identify the 1) time, 2) exact location, and 3) take a photo or video of what you are seeing. Send it to [Movimiento Cosecha](#) or call your local rapid response hotline

Report ICE sightings & learn how to respond at [Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit](#) below

Call DIRE's Rapid Response HOTLINE **1-888-347-3767**



or reach us on social media @Radio_Cosecha @cosechanj

DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST ICE



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK AT HOME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Toolkit of legal, organizing, & community resources. Scan this link for [Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit](#) of legal, organizing, & community resources.

Keep yourself updated on [Movimiento Cosecha](#) on social media. @cosechanj @radio_cosecha



[Click here to download and share this "If You See ICE" flyer in English and Spanish.](#)

🌱 Donations. This holiday season, consider giving the gift of supporting CRI. Our small team of organizers, strategy team, members, and committee chairs has clocked countless hours this year. Every contribution, big or small, helps us **continue our work, grow our impact, and keep our community moving forward.** Even \$1-\$5 a month from each active member can make a meaningful difference.

[You Can Set Up Your CRI Donations Here](#)

Together we can.



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