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Michigan Immigrant Rights Center receives Children's Advocacy Award

DETROIT, MI, July 24, 2024: The Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) is honored to receive the 2024 Champion of Change Award for its outstanding work advocating for children and families. The award was presented July 24th at the Michigan Justice for Children Conference, hosted by the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and Children's Advocacy Centers of Michigan. The annual event is dedicated to advancing the well-being of children and forward-thinking strategies to address the challenges faced by children in Michigan and globally.

The Champion of Change award recognizes an individual or organization that embraces and supports change and is a leader in their community. The change may be affected in systems or policies, legislation, or in the attitudes and behaviors of stakeholders. The Champion of Change welcomes change, uplifts others, and embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion. The awardee represents a steadfast commitment to advocating for children and families, and

demonstrates outstanding leadership. Additionally, the awardee demonstrates achievements that have fostered positive impacts for children and families; a commitment to high standards of integrity, accountability, and thoughtful leadership; and has the skills and willingness to embrace change.

MIRC was selected as this year's Champion of Change in recognition of their work on behalf of immigrant children across the state. MIRC represents hundreds of children in search of safety and stability, and serves every unaccompanied child in Michigan in federal custody. These children participate in court proceedings meant to decide their fate and yet are not provided with an attorney by right. Many of the children are also in custodial systems where they have little access to the family and support systems that are crucial to their well-being. As a statewide legal resource center for low-income immigrants, MIRC is privileged to represent these children. The organization helps their young clients navigate complicated legal processes and works to ensure their rights

are upheld in the custodial and legal systems.

The children MIRC serves have faced many difficulties on their path to seek safety and become a meaningful part of Michigan communities. Sadly, unaccompanied immigrant children are often demonized in political rhetoric. MIRC staff have the rare opportunity to know their stories, their dreams, and prepare them for futures where they can thrive and contribute back to their communities and the state that welcomed them.

"We are deeply honored and grateful to receive this award," said MIRC Managing Attorney Ana Raquel Devereaux. "We appreciate the support of all those who contribute their time and talents to serving children, including our many community partners, our equity-minded funders, and our dedicated staff who bring their whole selves to the work and are focused solely on the well-being of children and the communities we serve."

Immigrant youth and families in Michigan who have questions about their rights can call MIRC at (734) 239-6863.



El Centro de Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Michigan (MIRC) Recibe un Premio por su Defensa de los Niños

DETROIT, MI, 24 de julio de 2024: El Centro de Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Michigan (MIRC) tiene el honor de recibir el Premio Campeón del Cambio 2024 por su excelente trabajo en la defensa de los niños y las familias. El premio fue presentado el 24 de julio en la Conferencia de Justicia para los Niños de Michigan, organizada por el Grupo de Trabajo de la Gobernadora sobre Abuso y Negligencia Infantil y los Centros de Defensa de los Niños de Michigan. El evento anual se dedica a promover el bienestar de los niños y a las estrategias de ideas-anticipatorias para afrontar los retos a los que se enfrentan los niños en Michigan y en todo el mundo.

El premio "Campeón del Cambio" reconoce a una persona u organización que adopta y apoya el cambio y es líder en su comunidad. El cambio puede afectar a sistemas o políticas, a la legislación, o a las actitudes y comportamientos de las partes interesadas. El Campeón del Cambio da la bienvenida al cambio, eleva a los demás y abraza la diversidad, la equidad y la inclusión. El premio representa un compromiso firme a la defensa de los niños y las familias, y demuestra un liderazgo sobresaliente. Además, el premio demuestra logros que han promovido impactos positivos para los niños y las familias; un compromiso con altos estándares de integridad, responsabilidad y

liderazgo reflexivo; y tiene las habilidades y la voluntad de aprovechar el cambio.

MIRC fue seleccionado como Campeón del Cambio este año en reconocimiento a su trabajo en nombre de los niños inmigrantes en todo el estado. MIRC representa a cientos de niños en busca de seguridad y estabilidad, y atiende a todos los niños no acompañados de Michigan bajo custodia federal. Estos niños participan en procedimientos judiciales destinados a decidir su destino y, sin embargo, no tienen el derecho legal de recibir un abogado. Muchos de los niños también se encuentran en sistemas de custodia donde tienen poco acceso a sus familias y a los sistemas de apoyo que son cruciales para su bienestar. Siendo un centro estatal de recursos jurídicos para inmigrantes de bajos ingresos, MIRC tiene el privilegio de representar a estos niños. La organización ayuda a sus clientes jóvenes a navegar por procesos legales complicados y trabaja para garantizar que sus derechos sean respetados en los sistemas legales y de custodia.

Los niños a los que atiende MIRC se han enfrentado con muchas dificultades en su camino para buscar seguridad y formar una parte integral de las comunidades de Michigan. Lamentablemente, los niños inmigrantes no acompañados son a menudo demonizados en la retórica política. El per-

sonal del MIRC tiene la rara oportunidad de conocer sus historias, sus sueños y prepararlos para un futuro en el que puedan prosperar y contribuir a sus comunidades y al estado que los acogió.

"Nos sentimos profundamente honrados y agradecidos de recibir este premio", dijo la abogada gerente del MIRC, Ana Raquel Devereaux. "Apreciamos el apoyo de todos aquellos que contribuyen con su tiempo y talento para servir a los niños, incluyendo nuestros muchos compañeros de la comunidad, nuestros financiadores con mentalidad de equidad, y nuestro personal dedicado que traen todo su ser al trabajo y se centran exclusivamente en el bienestar de los niños y las comunidades que servimos."

Los jóvenes y las familias inmigrantes de Michigan que tengan preguntas sobre sus derechos pueden llamar al MIRC al (734) 239-6863.

Centro de Derechos de Inmigrantes de Michigan (MIRC) es un centro de recursos legales, al servicio de todo el estado, para las comunidades de inmigrantes de Michigan que trabajan para construir un Michigan próspero donde las comunidades de inmigrantes conozcan equidad y pertenencia. El trabajo de MIRC se basa en tres pilares: servicios legales directos, defensa sistémica y participación y educación de la comunidad. michiganimmigrant.org

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Generación Z siente el “Kamalove”: grupos progresistas esperan que Harris anime el voto joven

Por **CHRISTINE FERNANDO** Associated Press

CHICAGO, Jul 28, 2024 (AP): En los días transcurridos desde que el presidente Joe Biden abandonó la contienda presidencial y apoyó a la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris, los votantes de la generación Z se volcaron a las redes sociales para expresar su respaldo a Harris. Lo hicieron compartiendo memes de cocoteros y “brat summer” inspirados en el álbum de la cantante pop Charli XCX, entre las celebridades que han manifestado su apoyo a la vicepresidenta.

Esa expresión de “Kamalove” —o amor por Kamala— refleja un marcado cambio de tono para una generación que ha indicado haberse sentido ninguneada por el Partido Demócrata.

Las organizaciones progresistas dirigidas por jóvenes han advertido durante meses que Biden tenía un problema con los votantes jóvenes, pidiendo al presidente que trabajara más estrechamente con ellos para volver a centrarse en los temas más importantes para las generaciones más jóvenes o arriesgarse a perder sus votos. Con Biden fuera de la contienda presidencial, muchos de estos jóvenes líderes esperan ahora que Harris pueda hacer frente a su débil apoyo entre la generación Z y aprovechar una nueva explosión de energía entre los votantes jóvenes.

Desde el pasado domingo, organizaciones juveniles de todo el país —desde Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, pasando por California, Minnesota, Carolina del Norte y Pensilvania— han emitido declaraciones en las que agradecen a Biden su renuncia y celebran la oportunidad de organizarse en torno a una nueva candidata. El viernes, una coalición de 17 grupos de jóvenes apoyó a Harris. “Esto lo cambia todo”, dijo Zo Tobí, director de

comunicación del Movement Voter Project, un grupo nacional de financiación progresista centrado en organizaciones dirigidas por jóvenes, cuando se enteró de que Biden abandonaba la contienda y respaldaba a Harris. “El mundo tal y como es cambió de repente al mundo tal y como podría ser”

A medida que la campaña entra en una nueva fase, tanto Harris como su rival republicano, Donald Trump, lanzan mensajes dirigidos a los votantes más jóvenes, que podrían resultar decisivos en algunos de los estados más disputados.

Harris grabó un breve mensaje video que se proyectó el sábado en una conferencia de activistas de la generación Z y cargos electos en Atlanta.

“Sabemos que los votantes jóvenes serán clave, y sabemos que su voto no puede darse por sentado”, dijo Harris a los asistentes, destacando su respaldo a medidas para la seguridad de las armas, el derecho al aborto, los derechos LGBTQ y la lucha contra el cambio climático.

Eve Levenson, directora nacional de participación juvenil de la campaña de Harris, asistió a la conferencia de Atlanta, y elogió a los jóvenes votantes de todo el país por su respuesta a la designación de la vicepresidenta como probable candidata.

“Por increíble que sea ver el tremendo entusiasmo de los jóvenes en internet, lo que ha sido aún más sorprendente es cómo esa energía en línea ya se ha traducido en un deseo tangible de pasar a la acción e involucrarse en nuestra campaña”, dijo, haciendo referencia a nuevos registros de votantes, pequeñas donaciones de votantes jóvenes y solicitudes de estudiantes para ayudar a crear organizaciones de campaña basadas en las

universidades.

Trump, en su propio discurso del viernes en Florida en una conferencia sobre la fe organizada por Turning Point USA, se burló de Harris como una “incompetente” y una vicepresidenta “de extrema izquierda”. Prometió defender las causas de los estadounidenses religiosos en un segundo mandato en la Casa Blanca.

“Con su voto, defenderé la libertad religiosa en todas sus formas”, dijo Trump al grupo conservador centrado en los campus de institutos, colegios y universidades. “Protegeré a los cristianos en nuestras escuelas y nuestro ejército y nuestro gobierno y nuestros lugares de trabajo y nuestros hospitales, en nuestra plaza pública y también protegeré a otras religiones”.

John Della Volpe, director de encuestas del Instituto de Política de la Harvard Kennedy School, que ha trabajado con Biden, dijo que la “energía candente” entre los jóvenes es algo que no había visto desde la campaña del expresidente Barack Obama. Aunque hasta ahora hay pocos sondeos fiables, describió la dinámica como “una combinación de la esperanza que vimos con Obama y la urgencia y la lucha que vimos tras el tiroteo de Parkland”.

En muchos sentidos, fue la primera vez que muchos jóvenes se sintieron escuchados y sintieron que sus acciones podían tener un impacto en la política, dijeron él y varios líderes jóvenes.

“Esto ha reseteado estas elecciones de manera profunda”, dijo. “La gente, especialmente los jóvenes, durante mucho tiempo y por muchas razones importantes han estado desanimados sobre la política, desanimados sobre la dirección del país. Les ha pesado. Y luego se despiertan a la mañana siguiente, y parece que todo

ha cambiado”.

Casi 6 de cada 10 adultos menores de 30 años votaron por Biden en 2020, según un sondeo de AP VoteCast, pero su popularidad entre el grupo ha caído sustancialmente desde entonces, y sólo una cuarta parte del mismo manifestó tener una opinión favorable de él en la encuesta más reciente de AP-NORC, realizada antes de que Biden se retirara de la contienda.

Ese sondeo, junto con otros de The New York Times/Siena y de la CNN realizados después de que Biden abandonara la contienda, sugieren que Harris parte con una opinión algo más favorable que Biden entre los adultos jóvenes.

Sunjay Muralitharan, vicepresidente de College Democrats of America, dijo que sintió como si se quitara un peso de encima cuando Harris entró en la contienda.

A pesar de las reuniones mensuales de coalición entre grupos juveniles y el equipo de campaña de Biden, Muralitharan estuvo preocupado durante meses por cómo le iría a Biden entre los votantes jóvenes, mientras veía cómo éstos a b a n d o n a b a n organizaciones como College Democrats y Young Democrats para unirse a grupos más izquierdistas.

College Democrats emitió declaraciones y mensajes en las redes

sociales animando al partido a dar prioridad a los jóvenes y a cambiar de rumbo en la guerra de Gaza, y ha “trabajado incansablemente” para llevar su programa a la Convención Nacional Demócrata de Chicago a finales de este verano. Sin embargo, Muralitharan señaló que, a

cambio, han recibido un alcance limitado.

La llegada de Harris a la campaña representa una oportunidad para avanzar en una nueva dirección, afirmó. La vicepresidenta ha mostrado su apoyo a cuestiones importantes para los votantes jóvenes, como el cambio climático y los derechos reproductivos, dijo Muralitharan, y añadió que también podría cambiar de rumbo y distanciarse del enfoque de Biden sobre la guerra en Gaza.

“El obstáculo perpetuo con el que nos hemos topado es que Biden es el menor de dos males y su repercusión en la crisis de Gaza”, dijo. “Durante meses, nos han dado este guion roto que nos ha dificultado organizar a los jóvenes votantes. Pero eso cambia ahora”.

Santiago Mayer, direc-



AP Foto/Tony Gutierrez

tor general de Gen Z Voters of Tomorrow, una organización que promueve la participación electoral de los jóvenes, dijo que el equipo de campaña de Biden “creó un marco totalmente nuevo para operar con organizaciones juveniles” que ahora se puede trasladar al apoyo a la campaña de Harris.

“La generación Z adora a la vicepresidenta Harris, y la vicepresidenta Harris adora a la generación Z”, afirmó. “Así que estamos listos para ponernos a trabajar para ella”.

The Associated Press recibe apoyo de varias fundaciones privadas para mejorar su cobertura explicativa de las elecciones y la democracia. Más sobre la cobertura de democracia realizada por la AP aquí. La AP es la única responsable de todos los contenidos.

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New Michigan Community College Guarantee covers tuition costs starting this fall

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 26, 2024: Beginning this fall, students from the Class of 2023 and beyond are eligible for Michigan's new *Community College Guarantee*. Passed by Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature for Fiscal Year 2025, the *Community College Guarantee* will cover in-district tuition costs and fees for graduating high school seniors to earn a degree or skill certificate at their local community college.

Eligible students are those who graduated from a Michigan high school or earned a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or beyond. The Guarantee includes in-district tuition based on contact hours and mandatory fees. Also included is an additional \$1,000 bonus living expenses award for students eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are potentially eligible for the Guarantee regardless of the Student Aid Index

(SAI) as calculated by the FAFSA.

To receive the award, recent Michigan high school graduates must do the following:

- Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA if haven't already done so
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year. If a student is a dependent per the FAFSA, then parent(s) must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year
- Graduate from a Michigan high school or earn a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after
- Enroll full-time in college within 15 months of your high school graduation

"The Community College Guarantee is a critical building block toward the educated workforce we need," stated GRCC President Dr. Charles W. Lepper. "By 2030, 70% of Michigan jobs will require at least some post-secondary education. And while community college is relatively affordable, it still poses a financial barrier to many families. The Community College Guarantee removes that barrier for students."

In-district students are those who reside within the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) and pay property taxes to support GRCC. All Michigan residents contribute to GRCC, along with the other state community colleges, through state taxes which help supplement student tuition. Since GRCC is partially funded by taxpayers, different tuition rates exist for students who are resident, non-resident and out of state.

About Grand Rapids Community College

GRCC was established in 1914 – Michigan's first community college – and is focused on making college education accessible and affordable. Classes are scheduled in person and online, on weekdays, evenings, and Saturdays at locations throughout Kent and Ottawa counties. We offer traditional liberal arts and occupational career pathways, adult education courses, and skilled training courses and apprenticeships.

AARP Michigan Celebrates FY25 budget wins for older Michiganders

LANSING, MI, July 25, 2024: AARP Michigan is pleased to announce significant victories in the recently passed FY25 state budget, marking advancements for the protection, care, and financial security of older residents in Michigan. The budget reflects AARP Michigan's dedicated advocacy and the persistent efforts to improve the quality of life for Michiganders aged 50 and older.

Enhanced Long-Term Care Oversight

AARP Michigan successfully advocated for a \$3 million allocation to add 30 additional long-term care ombudsmen to the program, along with three additional full-time employees (FTEs). Previously, the ratio of ombudsmen to nursing home residents was 1 FTE for every 5,166 residents. This increased funding should enhance consumer protection and oversight in long-term care facilities.

Increased Support for Home and Community-Based Services

The budget includes

\$2.2 million to bolster access to home and community-based services

(HCBS) through Meals on Wheels. Michigan has consistently ranked 36th in the nation for taxpayer dollars allocated to nursing homes rather than in-home care. This funding is a step towards rebalancing these resources, ensuring more older adults can receive care in their homes, maintaining their independence and quality of life.

Support for Family Caregivers

AARP Michigan championed the inclusion of \$5 million for the MI Choice Structured Family Caregiving waiver program. This program will support family caregivers of Medicaid-eligible individuals receiving care at home. Recognizing and financially supporting family caregivers is crucial for sustaining home-based care and alleviating some of the financial burdens on families, reducing costs for the State of Michigan.

Setting Up a Secure Retirement Option

The state budget allo-



cates \$3 million to establish the MI Secure Retirement program. While the funding covers setup costs, AARP Michigan acknowledges the program's current structure is not ideal. Despite these challenges, securing initial funding is a vital first step towards creating a retirement savings program for Michiganders.

"These budget allocations represent significant progress in our ongoing efforts to protect and support older Michiganders," said Paula D. Cunningham, State Director of AARP Michigan. "We are particularly proud of the strides made in long-term care oversight, support for home-based services and support for family caregivers. While there is still work to be done, these achievements mark a significant step towards our goal of ensuring every Michigander can age with dignity and security."

Details available at aarpmi.org/advocacy.

Michigan Lottery: More than \$28 Billion to support public education since 1972

Every time you play the lottery, it's a win for Michigan. Every Lottery purchase benefits K-12 education, gives a lift to local businesses, and supports companies that employ Michigan residents.

About 97 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players, and commissions to vendors and retailers. For every \$1 spent on Lottery tickets, 27 cents goes to the state's School Aid Fund, 61 cents goes to prizes for players, and 9 cents goes to retailer and vendor commissions. Over the last five years, retailers throughout the state, many of which are small independently owned businesses, have collected nearly \$1.7 billion in commissions. Since it began in 1972,

the Lottery has contributed more than \$28 billion to support public education in Michigan. For the most recent year, the Lottery's contribution to the School Aid Fund topped \$1 billion for the fifth consecutive year. Michigan's K-12 public school system serves about 1.4 million students. Funding provided by the Lottery is equal to more than \$920 for each student who attends a K-12 public school, or more than \$3.5 million each day for schools throughout the state.

In addition to helping provide funding for public education in Michigan, the Lottery also has established the Excellence in Education program to recognize outstanding educators.

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Lottery selects one outstanding educator to receive the Excellence in Education award. Each weekly award winner receives a cash prize, receives a plaque, and is featured in their own news segment featured on news stations throughout the state.

At the end of the school year, the Michigan Lottery selects one weekly winner to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and a \$10,000 cash prize.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the Excellence in Education awards. To learn more about the Excellence in Education program, please visit www.michiganlottery.com/excellence-in-education.

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Lourdes University Admissions to host Instant Application Day event August 1st

SYLVANIA, OH - Lourdes University is excited to announce its upcoming Instant Application Day, an event designed to simplify the application process and minimize decision wait times for students hoping to attend Lourdes for the fall 2024 semester. This unique open house-style event will take place on August 1, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Russell J. Ebeid Hall, located at 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania.

With classes set to begin on August 26, now is the perfect time for students to take action and secure their place for the upcoming academic year. Instant Application Day offers an invaluable opportunity for prospective students to expedite their application process with im-

mediate support and guidance.

Event Highlights Include:

- **Application Assistance:** Our dedicated team will be on hand to help students complete and submit their application for fall 2024.

- **Instant Admissions Decisions:** Students will receive a decision on their application on the spot! Be sure to bring transcripts from past schools—digital screenshots are accepted.

- **Financial Aid Support:** Students can meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to assist with FAFSA filing or updates. Students will need their FSA ID, which can be created or retrieved at www.fsaaid.ed.gov.

- **Class Registration:** Students will be able to schedule a meeting with an advisor to select and register for classes.



- **Refreshments:** Snacks will be available while students engage with our Admissions Team to address any last-minute questions.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to jumpstart your future at Lourdes University. Our team is committed to assisting prospective students every step of the way to ensure a smooth transition into the fall 2024 semester.

Students can RSVP at: apply.lourdes.edu/register/IAD24

For more information, contact luadmits@lourdes.edu.

Premier Bank pledges \$30k to Mom's House Inc. of Toledo

Defiance, OH, July 25, 2024: Premier Bank has pledged \$30,000 to Mom's House Inc. of Toledo. The funds will be used towards "Rattle the Stars", a joint capital campaign between Mom's House Inc. of Toledo, The Pregnancy Center and several other organizations to build Mom's House Inc. of Toledo's second location, Laurie's Place.

The goal of Laurie's Place is to provide a comprehensive support system under one roof, streamlining access to essential services for Toledo's families. Local agencies like Jobs and Family Services, WIC, Mental Health Counseling, financial literacy, homeownership and much more will have office hours at the location to better eliminate barriers within the Toledo community.

"This alliance be-



tween Mom's House and The Pregnancy Center is more than just a strategic partnership; it is a lifeline for young families in Toledo. This collaboration aims to eliminate barriers that single mothers face, particularly in accessing education and quality childcare," explained Christina Rodriguez, Executive Director, Mom's House Inc. of Toledo. "Laurie's Place will be a symbol of hope and resilience, a place where dreams can flourish against all odds."

"We are proud to support Mom's House Inc. of Toledo as they strive to break the cycle of poverty and welfare while guiding at-risk single parents through the process of achieving educational goals and provide tools and resources

needed to become effective parents," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Toledo community stronger!"

For more information regarding Mom's House Inc. of Toledo, please visit MomsHouseToledo.org* or call 419-241-5554.

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Local artist Brenda Singletary showcases evocative abstract paintings in upcoming exhibition at TMA

Opening Reception with the artist will be held Friday, August 2

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 23, 2024: Local artist Brenda Singletary offers an intimate glimpse of her heritage, culture and life experiences with a collection of abstract paintings that will be exhibited in "Reflections of Spirit" July 31-Oct. 20, 2024 in the Robert C. and Susan Savage Community Gallery at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Rooted in generational memories and personal journeys, Singletary's art spans a spectrum of emotions from profound loss to jubilant celebration. Vibrant colors swirl and dance across each piece, creating abstract forms that evoke a sense of openness and freedom.

"More than just a personal narrative, this body of works invites viewers to explore their own emotions and percep-

tions," said Singletary. The mixed media compositions reveal hidden stories and unspoken truths, paying homage to the resilience and beauty of humanity. The layers of materials intertwine to express stories and generational memory such as the lasting impacts of the African American community's historical experiences in the U.S.

The exhibition includes an interactive experience where visitors can engage in an artmaking activity, fostering a deeper connection with the art.

An artist reception that is free and open to the public will be held Friday, Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m., in the Robert C. and Susan Savage Community Gallery. The reception will include remarks from the artist and refreshments.

The Robert C. and Susan Savage Community Gallery is sponsored in part by Hun-

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Columbus Crew Forward Cucho Hernández named MLS Player of the Month for July 2024

Hernández becomes the third player in Crew history to win multiple MLS Player of the Month honors

NEW YORK, Friday, July 26, 2024: Columbus Crew forward Cucho Hernández was voted the Major League Soccer Player of the Month for July 2024.

Hernández led MLS with seven goal contributions during the month of July (three goals, four assists) and his four assists were tied for the second most in MLS. The Colombian forward provided either the game-winning goal or game-winning assist in all three of Columbus' victories during July. Hernández had a standout performance in the 2023 MLS Cup presented by Audi rematch on July 13, as he contributed one goal and one assist in Columbus' 5-1 victory over LAFC at BMO Stadium. With a goal and an assist in that match, he joined Jeff Cunningham (2001-02) and Stern John (1998-99) as the only players in club history with 20 goal con-

tributions in consecutive seasons.

Later in July, Hernández totaled his 80th goal contribution over the past three seasons, becoming the first player in Crew history to accomplish the feat. One of the leading Landon Donovan MLS MVP candidates, Hernández has scored 13 goals and added eight assists in just 18 appearances this season. The dynamic forward has also scored six game-winning goals in 2024, which is tied for the third most in the league, trailing only Luciano Acosta (seven) and Denis Bouanga (seven). Hernández capped off his month by scoring in the 2024 MLS All-Star Game presented by Target, marking the sixth different major competition or match in the last 12 months that he has scored a goal in – MLS regular season, 2023 Leagues Cup, 2023

Audi MLS Cup Playoffs, 2023 MLS Cup presented by Audi, 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup, and the 2024 MLS All-Star Game.

This is the second time that Hernández has been named MLS Player of the Month after winning the honor in September 2023. Hernández joins Guillermo Barros Schelotto (three) and Brad Friedel (two) as the only players in Crew history to win MLS Player of the Month multiple times.

Hernández and the Crew will play a Leagues Cup Showcase match against Aston Villa on Saturday, July 27 (8 p.m. ET) before entering the official



Columbus Crew photo

competition in the Round of 32, where they will host the second-place finisher from West 4 (Chicago Fire FC, Sporting Kansas City, and Toluca) on August 9 at Lower.com Field (7:30 p.m. ET, MLS Season Pass on Apple TV).

2024 MLS Player of the Month Winners

- February/March: Luis Suárez - Inter Miami CF
- April: Lionel Messi - Inter Miami CF
- May: Luciano Acosta - FC Cincinnati
- June: Mateusz Bogusz - LAFC

MLS Player of the Month is voted upon by a panel of select national media members in a process conducted by MLS Communications.

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La Prensa

Kamala Harris has America focused on multiracial identity

By TERRY TANG Associated Press

July 28, 2024 (AP): An election year that was already bitterly partisan has been completely upended by President Joe Biden's decision to drop out of the 2024 White House race and endorse Vice President Kamala Harris. But it's not just Harris's late entry that has electrified things. It's also the history to be made if the likely Democratic nominee becomes the first female president who is also multiracial.

The daughter of a Jamaican father and an Indian mother, both of whom immigrated to the U.S. during the Civil Rights Movement, Harris's historic presidential bid has again put a spotlight on American identity politics and the growing number of people who say they are multiracial.

Different countries divide people into categories depending on different national traditions. The U.S., with its slavery-molded history, divides people into Black or white, and nine million people identified as multiracial in 2010.

When Harris ran for vice president in 2020, 33.8 million people in the U.S. identified as being more than one race, according to the census.

Is Kamala Harris a Black woman?

Yes, she is. Her father Donald Jasper Harris, professor emeritus of econom-

ics at Stanford University, is a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Jamaica.

Harris has said her mother deliberately raised her and her sister as Black because she felt that was how the world would see them first. Harris chose to go to Howard University, a historically Black college and university in Washington, D.C. The vice president maintains close ties to her alma mater and to her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Being multiracial often means people try to categorize you and then treat you accordingly, said Dr. Kalya Castillo, a licensed psychologist in New York whose clinical interests include multiracial identity. She has met with patients who come for therapy for one issue and end up talking about being biracial or multiracial.

"What are the messages that you've received from your family along with the outside community and society?" said Castillo, who is Black and Japanese. "I have more people who are curious about exploring that now."

Every multiracial person's experience and how they choose to present themselves is different. There's also no predicting if someone decides to stereotype you. Castillo said many people assume she is a member of a "model minority" group because of her Japanese heritage.

Growing up, however, her Asian mother was afraid how Castillo would be treated if people saw her as Black.

"She knew a bit about the discrimination that African-Americans, Blacks, have faced in America," Castillo said.

Is Kamala Harris also an Indian American woman?

Yes, she is. Her late mother Shyamala Gopalan, a biomedical scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, was born in India.

In 2020, there was criticism that Harris' Indian heritage wasn't given much media attention. Some wonder if that's happening again.

"What I've already seen just in the last 24 hours is folks who are advocates for the South Asian community arguing or complaining that her Asian-ness is getting erased," said Stephen Caliendo, co-founder and co-director of The Project on Race in Political Communication at North Central College.

"She's often referred to as a Black woman candidate," he said.

From the playground to the workplace, being multiracial can be fraught with challenges. In politics, it can spark attacks rooted in race instead of policy disagreements.

The day after Harris replaced Biden at the top of

the Democratic presidential ticket, Tennessee Republican Rep. Tim Burchett called her a "DEI hire" in a TV interview. Conservatives have been using diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives to argue that unqualified people get hired solely based on their race and gender.

But, GOP leaders are now urging Republicans to lay off racist and sexist attacks for fear of alienating voters.

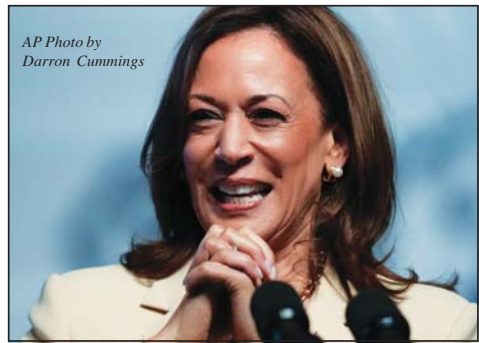
Andra Gillespie, a political science professor at Emory University who has written extensively about Black politicians and political mobilization and race, says both racist and sexist tropes were inevitable for Harris. GOP vice presidential nominee JD Vance said at a rally that Harris has been only "collecting a government paycheck for the last 20 years."

"Kamala Harris got something that was especially tailored to stereotypes about Black women," Gillespie said.

Even seemingly innocuous words from Harris sparked what seemed like racist arguments, Caliendo said. In her first statement after Biden's withdrawal, Harris announced "my intention is to earn and win this nomination." Very quickly, some Republican officials quipped that she hadn't earned anything.

"It plays into a stereotype of undeserving members of minority groups, particularly women, 'welfare queen' kind of thing," Caliendo said. "She feels entitled to something that she hasn't earned. She's using it as an inoculation against what she expects."

Conservatives have also butchered Harris' first name, igniting accusations of racism and disrespect. Kamala (KAH'-mah-lah) means lotus in Sanskrit. In his first rally since Harris became the likely Democratic nominee, Republican Donald Trump repeatedly mispronounced her name as part of a broad attack on someone he called his "new victim to defeat." And at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee earlier this month, several speakers mispronounced the vice



AP Photo by Darron Cummings

president's name.

Supporters say these mispronunciations are meant to stress her multiracial background as something scary.

"I think we should all expect more, from all corners of American civic life. But certainly we should expect more from the halls of Congress," said Chintan Patel, director of the political empowerment organization Indian American Impact.

Do some people think the vice president isn't Black or South Asian enough?

When Harris announced her presidential candidacy the first time in 2019, it didn't take long for people in the Black community to question if she was "Black enough." Some cited the fact she is Jamaican, not African American. Others pointed to her marriage to Doug Emhoff, who is white. Candidate Harris decided to address these accusations head-on by going on all-Black-hosted radio shows like "The Breakfast Club."

"I'm black, and I'm proud of being black," Harris, then a U.S. senator, said in the 2019 radio interview. "I was born black. I will die black, and I'm not going to make excuses for anybody because they don't understand."

Gillespie called such a criticism a tired trope, saying Harris has always rightfully been a part of the Black community and the Black experience. Gillespie also points to the two Zoom calls held this week by Black women and Black men, respectively, that raised nearly \$3 million.

"The idea that you could get tens of thousands of Black people on a call that was organized at the last minute to talk about how are we going to support

this presidential candidate, I think speaks volumes to how black grassroots activists are going to organize in support of her and how they're organizing and embracing her as a member of their community," Gillespie said.

Patel also hit back at any notion that Harris is not "Indian enough." He praised her for supporting Indian American Impact when it launched in 2018.

"She has keynoted at many community events that we've had across the years, across the country. She's hosted Diwali event celebrations, Eid celebrations at her home," Patel said. "She's really showed up and championed South Asian American communities."

Why do racial labels continue to matter in American politics?

The idea that someone gets to be the authority on someone else's racial identity is reminiscent of the "one-drop rule." A legal principle rooted in slavery, the so-called rule determined anyone with even a drop of Black lineage could not own land or be free. To come up with criteria to validate a multiracial person is pointless and hurtful, Castillo said.

"Your legitimacy is questioned. It's like this superficial, arbitrary stuff that's like super performative," Castillo said.

What Castillo has found helpful is the "Bill of Rights for Racially Mixed People," a list published by Maria Root, a renowned clinical psychologist who is also biracial, in 1993. The list contains a dozen declarations such as "I have the right not to justify my ethnic legitimacy." Castillo showed it to her daughter after the girl's friends argued "what percentage Asian she was versus Black."

"It's also been super-empowering for me," Castillo said. "It's something that I still am trying to practice and really be thoughtful about when I'm in situations in which I think people are trying to tell me who I am."



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New Bilingual English/Spanish book option available for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, July 29, 2024: *The Literacy Cooperative* is excited to announce a significant advancement in its mission to foster early childhood literacy in Cuyahoga County: the introduction of a 100% bilingual English/Spanish book collection for families enrolled in *Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library*.

Since 2017, The Literacy Cooperative has been the lead affiliate for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Cuyahoga County, currently mailing over 39,000 free, age-appropriate books each month to enrolled families with children under the age of five. Over 1.7 million books have been

mailed and over 70,000 children have participated in the county since the program’s introduction.

Registrants now have the option to choose between a primarily English book collection that includes several bilingual English/Spanish books or a fully bilingual English/Spanish book collection, enhancing the value of this program to more families in the county.

“We are proud to expand our offerings to better serve our Spanish-speaking families and those who want to teach their child a second language early in their development. The new bilingual book collection is an important step in ensuring more children in our community have the tools they need to develop strong reading skills and a life-long love of

learning,” says Joan Spoerl, Director of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Cuyahoga County. “The program, run and funded by The Literacy Cooperative, requires that we raise \$25 per enrolled child each year to sustain the program for the county.”

Last year, The Literacy Cooperative surveyed families to understand the program’s impact. Out of 2,874 responses, 90% of respondents reported that participating in the program helps prepare their children for kindergarten, while 79% found the reading tips inside the books helpful as their children discover new words. The survey also revealed that enrolled children began asking to be read to more often after receiving the Imagination Library books, and 78% of parents indicated that they read to their children more since joining the program.

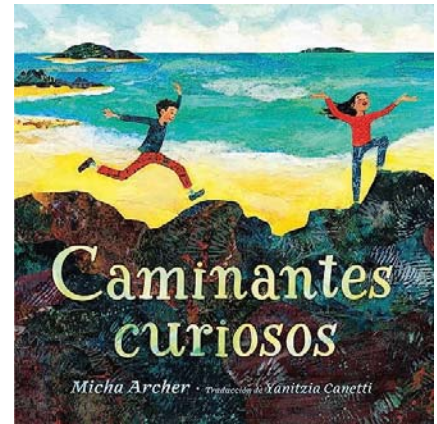
“Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has positively impacted my child’s life by providing my 1-year-old with new

words and interesting illustrations that keep her wanting to read more. My daughter has a speech and development delay and these books have helped her learn to form new words,” states Asia R., a parent of an enrolled child in the program.

Caregivers interested in opting for the new bilingual book collection can log into their parent portal account at www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org. New families looking to enroll their children in the program can also visit the website to sign up and select their preferred book language.

If you would like to donate to sponsor one or more children in the program and work to build a community of avid readers please visit The Literacy Cooperative’s website at www.Literacycooperative.org/donate.

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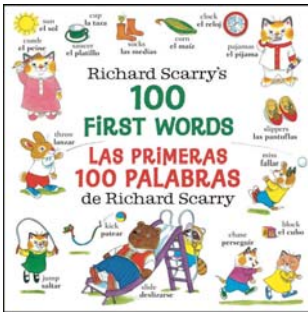


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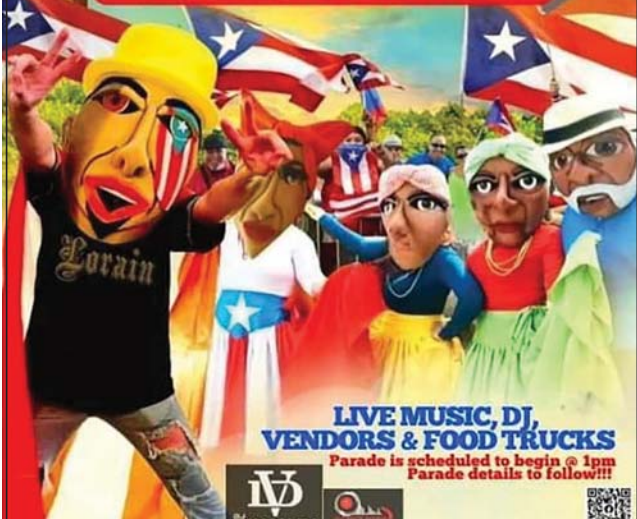
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Annual Photography Contest

The Division of Wildlife's annual photo contest produced a winning image depicting an ice fishing scene from a unique vantage point. More than 600 photos were submitted by talented photographers across Ohio. Six category winners were also chosen.

The Best in Show photograph was captured in Geauga County and shows an angler looking into an ice fishing hole with a rod in hand. Daryl Mummy, of Willowick, captured the winning photo at Bass Lake Preserve. The complete list of winning entries:

• **Wildlife Watching:** Matt Boardman from Akron

• **Pursuit of the Harvest:** Mike Evers from St. Henry

• **The Art of Fishing:** Joe Banker of Parma

• **Birds and Birding:** Bob Clark from Oak Harbor

• **Lake Erie Fishing:** Daryl Mummy from Willowick

• **Extreme Close-Up:** Aidan McCarthy from Fairfax, Va.

Artists for Wildlife Art Show
Artists for Wildlife, the Division of Wildlife's inaugural art show, concluded with five winners selected from a total of 27 entries. The art show was open to artists in high school and college and featured a variety of art mediums.

• **Best in Show:** Ethan Falkenburg, age 19, of Lorain County

• **Director's Choice:** Sophie Reeder, age 15, of Franklin County

• **Chief's Choice:** Ava Schlotterbeck, age 17, of Licking County

• **Designer's Choice:** Kathryn Brekas, age 14, of Warren County

• **Honorable Mention:** Ethan Falkenburg, age 19, of Lorain County

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Teen Art Series: Mosaics

Tuesday, Aug. 6; 1 p.m.
Main Library Create pieces of artwork to take home. Stay directly after for Teen Open Studio to continue the creativity. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, Aug. 6; 1:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 3 p.m.
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Tuesdays, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10; 2 to 3 p.m.
North Ridgeville Branch Support local farmers by reserving a fresh produce bag for pickup at the library. Pricing and reservation instructions will be listed closer to the event. This event is sponsored by North Ridgeville Heart and Sole, a community collaborative that strives to increase access to physical activity and healthy foods. For more information and to view other produce pickup locations, visit facebook.com/

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Upcoming Festivals and Events in Ohio & Michigan

Summer is in full swing and there are plenty of activities to get you outside and to enjoy Latino culture. Below are some of the upcoming festivals and events coming to a town near you!

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www.sspeterandpaul-toledo.org

Saturday, August 3, 2024 - 12PM to 10PM

Sunday, August 4, 2024 - 11AM to 10PM (Parade at noon)

Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade and Expo
 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, OH

A 2-day celebration of the Puerto Rican Culture, including Music, Food,

Artisans, and Helath and wellness screenings. The parade will kick off at 11:00 am at the intersection of Scranton Road at Seymour Avenue, the parade will proceed southbound on Scranton Road and make its way to Valentine Ave.
www.facebook.com/CLEPRParade

Friday, August 9, 2024
Palomazo Norteno in Concert at Promenade Pavilion

Promenade Park (Downtown Toledo along the river)

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. | Show at 7 p.m.

Palomazo Norteño brings together the legendary figures of norteño music: Lalo Mora, Elíseo Robles, Raúl Hernández, and Rosendo Cantú. Palomazo Norteño is a Latin music band known for their colorful style and memorable lyrics. Their music touches the hearts of their listeners, and they have a devoted following in Mexico and elsewhere. Palomazo Norteño is known for their thrilling and entertaining live performances. They've been selling out in every market and will grace the stage at Promenade Pavilion!

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Barrio Latino Art Festival
 1411 Broadway Street, Toledo

3:00 pm - 12:00 am Art, Food, Music, Entertainment

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nual Barrio Latino Art Festival brought to you by Nuestra Gente Community Projects, Inc. Featuring Los Aztecas, Tejano Sound Band, La Traizion, and Flechazo Brothers.

www.facebook.com/BarrioLatinoArtFestival

Saturday, August 10, 2024 & Sunday August 11, 2024

Festival Latino
 Genoa Park, Downtown Columbus

11:00 am - 8:00 pm | Festival Latino! is a free, family-friendly two day event celebrating family and community with two days of children's activities, music, food, fashion, art, and dance from the heart of Latin America.

Entertainment includes El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklorico, Carlos Rubio - Salsa Lessons, Salsamante Dance Academy, DJ Cale, Ale Almanza, Chupeta de Ajo, Tributo al Rock en Español, La Nueva Estrategia, Tony Vega, Golpe de Estado, Romero Norteño, Brenda K. Starr, and Héctor Acosta "El Torito".
www.festivallatino.net

Sunday, August 11, 2024

45th Cleveland International Kite Festival

Edgewater Park, 6500 Memorial Shoreway (Rt. 2) Cleveland

11:00 am - 5:00 pm Free to all

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Lorain Puerto Rican Day Festival and Parade
 Oakwood Park, South Lorain

Parade at 1:00 Festival following parade from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The festival will take place in the large parking lot area next to our community pool.

Enjoy a fun filled day, with live music, DJ, Vendors and Food trucks. (this is an alcohol and drug free environment)

Our Puerto Rican Day

Festival has been a long-standing tradition to create awareness and appreciation of the Puerto Rican culture and history, as well as to highlight our community's contributions to the local & global civilized society. The parade will begin at 1:00pm starting on Pearl Avenue and will end at the Oakwood Park.

Saturday, August 31, 2024

419 Taco War 2024
 Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St., Maumee, Oh

2:00 pm - 11:00 pm Brought to you by The Business Building Movement and Glaze'em Gourmet Funnel Cakes

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Grito Fest
 Latins United, 706 S. St. Clair St., Toledo

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Saturday, September 7, 2024

Canton Latino Fest
 Centennial Plaza, 330 Court Ave NW, Canton, Ohio

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Fifth Third Field, Downtown Toledo
 1:00 pm Gates open at 1:00 for pre-game entertainment at home plate and Latino scholarship presentation. Game starts at 2:05. Toledo Mud Hens vs. Indianapolis Indians.

Latino Scholarship Day is brought to you by La Prensa Newspaper. Tickets on sale now! Call 419-870-6565 for details.

Saturday, September 14, 2024

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Saturday, September 28, 2024

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 525 Farmers Market, Downtown Toledo

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Saturday, August 3, 2024

11th Annual Latino Night with the Lugnuts

2:00pm - 12:00am
A concert and mini festival starting off in front of the stadium. The Lugnuts will become Los Locos de Lansing as they celebrate their Hispanic/Latino community in Lansing for Fiesta Loca. there will be live music, food trucks, and a pre-game plaza party! For more information, please contact 517-303-7001 or seinpaul65@gmail.com

Saturday, August 11, 2024

Picnic Argentino
Independence Oaks County Park, Twin Chimney Area, Clarkston, MI
1:00 pm

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www.novitacofest.com

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Latino Health 5K
Roberto Clemente Park, 546 Rumsey St SW, Grand Rapids, MI

7:00 am Registration
9:00 am Race Begins
10:00 am-12:00 pm Finish Fest

Family Friendly Walk/Run with the goal to encourage Hispanic families to maintain a healthy lifestyle and incorporate physical activity, such as running or walking, into their daily lives.

<https://westmihcc.org/latino-health-5k/>

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Fiesta Tigres
Comerica Park, Detroit, MI

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Noncitizens are less likely to participate in a census with citizenship question, study says

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

Adding a citizenship question to the census reduces the participation of people who aren't U.S. citizens, particularly those from Latin American countries, according to a new research paper that comes as Republicans in Congress are pushing to add such a question to the census form.

Noncitizens who pay taxes but are ineligible to have a Social Security number are less likely to fill out the census questionnaire or more likely to give incomplete answers on the form if there is a citizenship question, potentially exacerbating undercounts of some groups, according to the paper released this summer by researchers at the U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Kansas.

Other groups were less sensitive to the addition of a citizenship question, such as U.S.-born Hispanic residents and noncitizens who weren't from Latin America, the study said.

The paper comes as Republican lawmakers in Congress push to require a citizenship question on the once-a-decade census. Their aim is to exclude people who aren't citizens from the count that helps determine political power and the distribution of federal funds in the United States. The 14th Amendment requires that all people are counted in the census, not just citizens.

In May, the GOP-led House passed a bill that would eliminate noncitizens from the tally gathered during a census and used to decide how many House seats and Electoral College votes each state gets. The bill is unlikely to pass the Democratic-controlled Senate. Separately, the House in coming weeks is to consider an appropriations bill containing similar lan-



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guage seeking to omit people in the country illegally from the count used to redraw political districts.

During debate earlier this month at a House appropriations committee meeting, Democratic U.S. Rep. Grace Meng of New York described the efforts to exclude people in the country illegally as "an extreme proposal" that would detract from the accuracy of the census.

"Pretending that noncitizens don't live in our communities would only limit the crucial work of the Census Bureau and take resources away from areas that need them the most," Meng said.

But Republican U.S. Rep. Andrew Clyde of Georgia argued that including people in the country illegally gives state and local governments an incentive to attract noncitizens so that they can have bigger populations and more political power.

"Every noncitizen that is included actually takes away from citizens' ability to determine who their representatives are," Clyde said.

The next national head count is in 2030.

In their paper, the Census Bureau and Kansas researchers revisited a study assessing the impact of a citizenship question on a 2019 trial survey that was conducted by the Census Bureau ahead of the 2020 census.

The trial survey was conducted by the Census Bureau as the Trump administration unsuccessfully attempted to add a citizenship question to the 2020 head count's questionnaire. Experts feared a citizenship question would scare off Hispanics and immigrants from participating in the 2020 census, whether they were in the country legally or not. Years earlier, a Republican redistricting expert had written that using citizen voting-age population instead of the total population for the purpose of redrawing of congressional and legislative districts could be advantageous to Republicans and non-Hispanic whites.

The citizenship question was blocked by the Supreme Court in 2019.

As part of the trial survey, test questionnaires were sent by the Census Bureau to 480,000 households across the U.S. Half of the questionnaires had a citizenship question and the other half didn't. Preliminary results showed that adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census wouldn't have had an impact on overall response rates, even though earlier studies had suggested its inclusion would reduce participation among Hispanics, immigrants and noncitizens. Later analysis showed it would have made a difference in bilingual neighborhoods that had substantial numbers of

non-citizens, Hispanics and Asians.

Instead of focusing on census tracts, which encompass neighborhoods as in the 2019 study, the new study narrowed the focus to individual households, using administrative records.

"The inclusion of a citizenship question increases the undercount of households with non-citizens," the researchers concluded.

During the 2020 census, the Black population had a net undercount of 3.3%, while it was almost 5% for Hispanics and 5.6% for American Indians and Native Alaskans living on reservations. The non-Hispanic white population had a net overcount of 1.6%, and Asians had a net overcount of 2.6%, according to the 2020 census results.

The once-a-decade head count determines how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets. It also guides the distribution of \$2.8 trillion in annual federal spending.

The research paper was produced by the bureau's Center for Economic Studies, whose papers typically haven't undergone the review given to other Census Bureau publications. The opinions are those of the researchers and not the statistical agency, according to the bureau.

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**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Architectural/Engineering/Design Firms
 Carlson Library Renovations
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<https://ofcc.ohio.gov/project-opportunities/bids-rfq/qualifications-based-rfq>

Submit all questions regarding this RFQ in writing to Nicole Baden at Nicole.Baden@utoledo.edu with the project name included in the subject line (no phone calls please). Questions will be answered and posted to the Project Opportunities page on the OFCC website. Submit the requested Statement of Qualifications directly to Erin Homer at Erin.Homer@utoledo.edu with the project name included in the subject line by 2:00 P.M., Friday, **August 16, 2024** to be eligible for consideration.

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 Project #: 1130-25-359**

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Saturday, August 3, 2024
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 Location: Sofia Quintero Art Gallery

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To confirm your attendance please contact Ramon Perez at 419-261-0598 or ramon1_98@yahoo.com

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These events will include two in-person forums and two virtual feedback sessions. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. A virtual session will be recorded and posted on the TARTA website. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- Virtual meeting, **Monday, August 19**, 5-6 p.m., Register at tarta.com/publicmeetings
- In-person meeting, **Tuesday, August 20**, 6-7 p.m., Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Kent Branch, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo
- In-person meeting, **Wednesday, August 21**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., TARTA Transit Hub, 612 N. Huron Street, Toledo
- Virtual meeting, **Friday, August 23**, 10-11 a.m. Register at tarta.com/publicmeetings.

All language assistance services for TARTA programs are provided to the public at no charge. In-person translation services for events should be requested at least 5 business days prior to the event.

Registration and additional details will be available in the coming weeks at tarta.com or by calling 419-243-7433. Customers and others from the public interested in submitting questions may do so by sending them to customer-relations@tarta.com.

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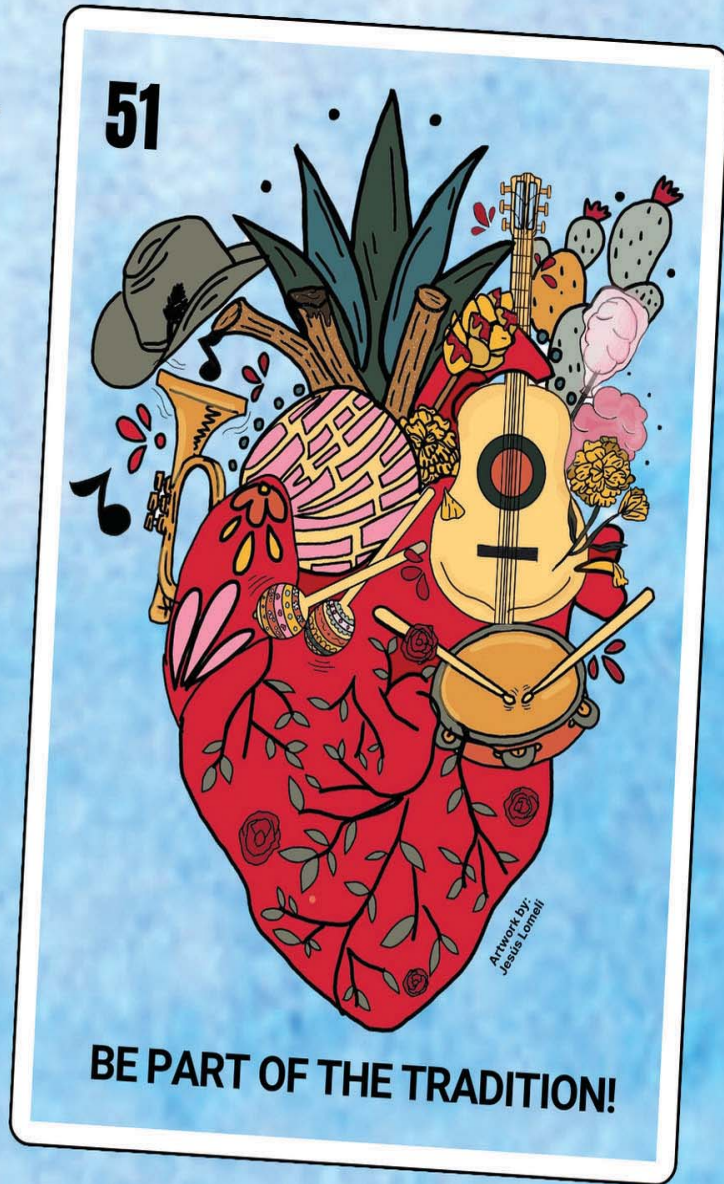
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