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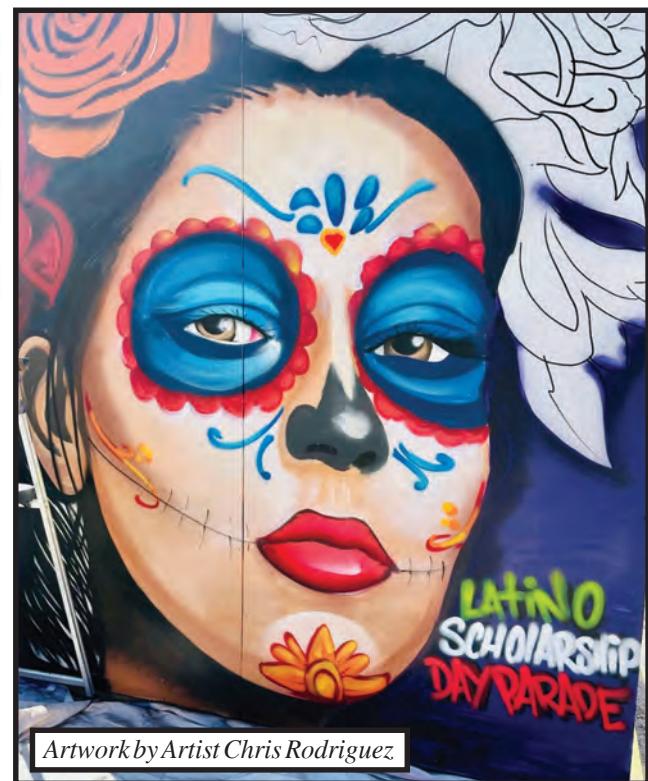
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To the Commissioners of Butler County

From Lynn Tramonte and Twenty-five Area Pastors

On September 9, 2025, twenty-five pastors from a variety of denominations signed a letter (included here) expressing grave concerns about the use of the Butler County Jail to detain immigrants, many of whom have no criminal records. Some of the people detained at the jail are members of the pastors' congregations or are neighbors they know personally. Clergy were invited to tour the jail and were grateful for the hospitality of staff. However, serious concerns remain. In a letter, sent by the clergy, they named conditions in the jail that need to be significantly improved if the county is going to continue to be in this business, and asked for a meeting with the county commissioners to address their concerns.

This is the letter sent on September 9, 2025

To the Commissioners of Butler County, Cindy Carpenter, Donald Dixon, TC Rogers, the Butler County Sheriff's Office, and the General Public:

As a group of area clergy, some of us were able to be part of a tour of the Butler County Jail on August 13, 2025, and we were grateful for that opportunity. This afforded us time to talk with Chief Deputy Anthony Dwyer and briefly meet Sheriff Richard Jones. Thank you for your hospitality and willingness to talk with us about our concerns and for giving us the opportunity to hear concerns of staff as they relate to the public. The conversation and tour enabled us to see the human side of those who work at the facility, and how they are individuals with individual perspectives. We noted the prison culture of cleanliness as part of an effort to foster professionalism.

It was not surprising to us to hear from staff that the immigrant detainees are quite easy to manage. Chief Deputy Dwyer noted that there are far fewer behavioral issues among the immigrant detainees than there are among American citizens incarcerated at the jail for criminal offenses. We recognize that there are some immigrants who are detained for criminal misconduct, but the vast majority are not. The detained immigrants include, as we have noted, members of our churches and other faith communities, they are hardworking neighbors,

and friends that we trust and value.

After debriefing from our tour and consulting with additional clergy in the area, we are left troubled by the fact that immigrant detainees are treated the same as prisoners convicted of crimes. Many of the immigrants we work with in our churches were in the US legally until government rules changed making them deportable, or in other ways fell into the cracks of our complex immigration laws. These are mostly civil, not criminal, matters.

We believe it is morally wrong to treat immigrants detained for civil matters as if they were criminal offenders. Further, law as interpreted by the courts appears to agree, requiring that a distinction be made:

"Immigration detainees, however, are not convicted prisoners. Rather, they are civil detainees held pursuant to civil immigration laws. Their protections are thus derived from the Fifth Amendment, which protects any person in the custody of the United States from conditions that amount to punishment without due process of law. See *Wong Wing v. United States*, 163 U.S. 228, 237 (1896). Few courts have

explored the precise contours of this protection. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has held that conditions of confinement for civil detainees must be superior not only to convicted prisoners, but also to pre-trial criminal detainees. *Jones v. Blanas*, 393 F.3d 918 (9th Cir. 2004), cert. denied, 126 S.Ct. 351 (2005). If a civil detainee is confined in conditions that are identical to, similar to, or more restrictive than those under which pre-trial detainees or convicted prisoners are held, then those conditions are presumptively punitive and unconstitutional. Id. at 934. By definition, immigration detainees are thus entitled to, at minimum, the higher standard of protection articulated in *Jones*." (ACLU Conditions of Confinement in Immigration Detention Facilities, p.2, https://assets.aclu.org/live/uploads/documents/unr_briefing_materials.pdf)

Therefore we want to begin talking about ways to improve the quality of treatment of immigrant detainees to reflect this

morally and legally required difference. A more humane treatment of immigrant detainees would involve concrete actions to demonstrate greater respect for their dignity. This could include matters such as the following:

- Turn the lights off at night in detainees' cells so they can get adequate rest and avoid interrupting their sleep for at least eight hours each night. This would come with a benefit: adequate sleep would improve morale and cooperation.

- Increase the amount of time each day that detainees are allowed out of their cells for socialization to improve mental and spiritual health. Including time in the open air: sunlight is important in staving off depression.

- Provide needed mental health staff and services. Without training, guards might interpret a mental health crisis as "bad behavior". This is not an abstract possibility but a very real concern we carry for specific detainees we know who are in a mental health crisis as a result of detention. We know of one case in particular where an individual was subjected to punitive responses rather than being given appropriate mental health support.

- Assure that there are bilingual staff and translation services provided for communications.

- Allow in-person clergy visits with detainees and translators as needed.

- Reduce the cost of phone communication with family and friends.
- Improve the quality of food - giving attention to a greater variety of nutritionally balanced meals with adequate natural fiber to avoid painful constipation and adequate calories to stave off hunger.

- Improve prisoner access to medical and dental care. In a recent conversation with a prison dentist in the Columbus area, we learned that it is not unusual for a prison to provide regular dental cleaning and filling of cavities, for example.

- Provide rigorous training for guards working with immigrant detainees so they are aware of the importance of distinguishing between criminal and civil detainees and ensure that they are treating all with dignity and respect.

While we hear from detainees that most guards are professional in their

work with them, we have heard direct testimony that some are petty, insulting, and abusive. We still hold that detaining immigrants for civil violations is immoral based on the clear teaching of the Holy Scriptures and church values. We believe Butler County should not be cooperating with ICE in detaining our neighbors and thus in breaking up good families in our neighborhoods. However, as long as the county is involved in this business, then conditions in the jail need to be significantly improved as noted above. We therefore ask the county commissioners to schedule a meeting with us to begin negotiating an agreement that would significantly improve conditions for the detainees held at the Butler County Jail.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lawrence Bartel,
Oxford Presbyterian
Church, Oxford, OH

Rev. Marc van Bulck,
Associate Pastor for Family
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Cuba logra conectar su territorio al sistema energético nacional un día después de un apagón masivo

Por ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ Associated Press

LA HABANA, Sept 13, 2025 (AP) — Un día después de un apagón total que dejó sin fluido eléctrico a millones de personas en Cuba, las autoridades informaron el jueves que todas las provincias ya están interconectadas al sistema energético nacional.

El Ministerio de Energía y Minas de Cuba (MINEM) indicó en la red social X sobre la incorporación de todo el país a la red, aunque todavía persisten cortes.

Por su parte, Omar Ramírez, director adjunto de la estatal Unión Eléctrica — la entidad que regula y distribuye el fluido — informó al portal oficial Cubadebate que al mediodía ya se estaban generando 1.486 megavatios en todas las centrales del país. La demanda en la isla suele ser de unos 3.000 megavatios, aunque se eleva en los horarios pico.

En las provincias el panorama era desigual: mientras La Habana, la ciudad más poblada de la isla con dos millones de habitantes, tenía un 79% de cobertura ya desde la

mañana, Matanzas, en el centro del país, solo había logrado un 17%.

El colapso del Sistema Energético Nacional se produjo en la mañana del miércoles debido a que se dispararon en falso las alarmas por avería —que no fue tal— de la Central Termoeléctrica Antonio Guiteras en Matanzas, una de las más importantes del país.

La caída tiene muchas implicaciones para la población más allá de las dificultades para iluminarse, pues en Cuba gran cantidad de familias dependen del fluido para cocinar sus alimentos —las instalaciones de gas natural son restringidas— y el bombeo de agua.

Ramírez también indicó que la Central Guiteras entraría en sincronización con el sistema en la tarde del jueves, elevando la cobertura.

“El sistema avanza hacia la unificación nacional enlazando occidente y centro con oriente”, explicó a su vez Lázaro Guerra, director del MINEM en Cubadebate.

Según el especialista, el

objetivo es “recuperar el servicio eléctrico completo” en el transcurso de este día.

La isla enfrenta apagones diarios desde los últimos años, al punto que semanalmente se entrega un cronograma de “bloques” o zonas que tendrán interrupciones cada día. Esta programación no desaparecerá con la sola interconexión, pues está ocasionada por la falta de producción de la energía suficiente.

Tras la caída del sistema, La Habana amaneció el jueves con zonas que comenzaron a recibir luz durante la noche o madrugada como Vedado, Centro Habana, Cabaña, Playa o Guanabo; otras en las cuales todavía no se había producido el restablecimiento del servicio y unas más en las cuales, a pesar de haber regresado por la noche, se volvió a ir, constató The Associated Press.

Algunos semáforos no funcionaban en la capital e internet se mostraba inestable.

El Ministerio de

Educación informó que las

clases de los niveles iniciales, primarios y secundarios se darían el jueves —los niños tienen doble jornada—, pero la dependencia de Educación Superior permitió limitar los horarios de clases para las universidades con sedes formativas más alejadas de La Habana en la medida que se retornaba a cierta normalidad.

Mientras, la Comisión Nacional de Beisbol, el

deporte más popular del país, informó que no se desarrollarán los topes previstos para la Serie Nacional, pero que se reanudará el viernes.

El transporte aéreo operaba con normalidad.

El de la víspera fue el quinto corte nacional desde 2023. El anterior se produjo en marzo.

Cuba atraviesa una severa crisis económica pues no ha logrado despegar luego de la

paralización por la pandemia de COVID-19 y a raíz del incremento de las sanciones financieras de Estados Unidos. Estas medidas impiden a la nación caribeña tener divisas suficientes para conseguir piezas con las que reparar las viejas centrales termoeléctricas o comprar combustible.

Siga a Andrea Rodríguez en X: <https://x.com/ARodriguezAP>

Juez bloquea política de Trump que excluye a niños migrantes del programa escolar Head Start

Por MAKIYA SEMINERA Associated Press

Sept. 11, 2025: Un juez federal ha emitido temporalmente un bloqueo a nivel nacional sobre una directiva de la administración Trump que impedía que los niños en Estados Unidos que no tienen permiso de residencia se inscribieran en Head Start, un programa preescolar financiado por el gobierno federal.

Asociaciones de Head Start en varios estados presentaron una demanda contra el cambio de política del Departamento de Salud. El fallo de un juez federal en el estado de Washington el jueves se produce después de que una coalición de 21 fiscales generales

demócratas logró detener temporalmente la implementación de la política dentro de sus propios estados.

Con el nuevo fallo, la política queda suspendida en todo el país.

En julio, el Departamento de Salud propuso una reinterpretación de la norma para prohibir que los inmigrantes sin permiso de residencia reciban ciertos servicios sociales, incluidos Head Start y otros programas de salud comunitaria. Esos programas fueron previamente accesibles gracias a una ley federal durante la administración del presidente Bill Clinton.

El cambio fue parte de un esfuerzo más amplio de la administración del

presidente Donald Trump para excluir a las personas sin estatus legal del acceso a servicios sociales mediante cambios en las reglas de elegibilidad federal.

Esos inmigrantes serían excluidos de acceder a los programas afectados porque serían reclasificados como beneficios públicos federales, una alteración que, según el secretario de Salud, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., podría desincentivar la inmigración ilegal. Los inmigrantes no autorizados prácticamente no pueden obtener beneficios públicos federales, que incluyen cupones de alimentos y préstamos estudiantiles.



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Maestros demandan por medidas migratorias de Trump, dicen que estudiantes no asisten a clases

Por MORIAH BALINGIT Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Sep 11, 2025 (AP)—Sindicatos que representan a millones de educadores y empleados escolares han demandado al gobierno del presidente Donald Trump por su batida contra los inmigrantes, argumentando que los arrestos cerca de los campus escolares están aterrorizando a los niños y sus maestros, lo que lleva a algunos estudiantes a abandonar sus estudios.

Al inicio del segundo mandato de Trump, su gobierno dijo que permitiría hacer arrestos de inmigrantes en las escuelas, lugares que durante mucho tiempo se consideraron fuera de límites. Eso violó la ley, argumenta la demanda de los dos sindicatos de maestros más grandes de Estados Unidos, la Asociación Nacional de Educación y la Federación Estadounidense de Maestros, que representan a más de 4 millones de empleados escolares en todo el país.

También se unieron a la demanda educadores de una escuela preescolar en Oregon, donde agentes enmascarados rompieron la ventana de un automóvil y sacaron al padre de un estudiante de su coche poco después de que el niño fuera dejado en la escuela. La llegada de la policía llevó a la escuela a implementar un cierre de emergencia, durante el cual los maestros pusieron música para que los estudiantes no pudieran escuchar el alboroto afuera.

La maestra Lauren Fong, quien enseña al niño cuyo padre fue arrestado ese día, dijo que le inquietaba la decisión de las autoridades de confrontar al padre en el estacionamiento de la escuela, que es propiedad privada.

“¿Por qué una escuela? ¿Por qué no en otro lugar, cualquier otro lugar?”, expresó Fong en una entrevista. “Fue en el estacionamiento, donde pudo ser presenciado por tantos niños pequeños”.

Los educadores se están uniendo a una demanda presentada en abril por un sindicato de trabajadores agrícolas de Oregon y un grupo de iglesias, que impugnan la decisión del gobierno de Trump de abrir también las casas de culto a las operaciones de los agentes migratorios. La demanda enmendada fue presentada el martes en un tribunal federal en Eugene, Oregon.

La subsecretaria del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, Tricia McLaughlin, dijo que los agentes de inmigración usan su propio criterio al hacer arrestos en escuelas o iglesias.

“Los agentes necesitarían la aprobación de un supervisor secundario antes de que se

pueda tomar cualquier acción en lugares como una iglesia o una escuela”, manifestó McLaughlin. “Esperamos que estos casos sean extremadamente raros”.

Cambio de política abrió la puerta a arrestos en escuelas

Durante casi tres décadas, se instruyó a los agentes de inmigración evitar “lugares sensibles” como escuelas, hospitales y lugares de culto, excepto en circunstancias extraordinarias. Según un memorando de 2021, el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS, por sus siglas en inglés) podría “cumplir (su) misión policial sin negar o limitar el acceso de las personas a la atención médica necesaria, el acceso de los niños a sus escuelas, el acceso de los desplazados a alimentos y refugio, el acceso de las personas de fe a sus lugares de culto”.

Un día después de que Trump asumiera el cargo, el DHS rescindió el memorando y en su lugar instó a los agentes a usar “sentido común” al operar cerca de escuelas e iglesias. En un comunicado, los funcionarios expusieron su razonamiento detrás de la medida: “Los criminales ya no podrán esconderse en las escuelas e iglesias de Estados Unidos para evitar el arresto”.

La demanda describe varios casos de agentes enmascarados del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés) realizando arrestos en y alrededor de terrenos escolares y de iglesias. En Los Ángeles, agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza enmascarados se acercaron a un automóvil estacionado junto a una escuela secundaria y a punta de pistola ordenaron a un niño de 15 años con discapacidades que saliera mientras buscaban a un hombre con vínculos con pandillas. Lo esposaron y no lo liberaron sino hasta que descubrieron que tenían a la persona equivocada.

Asistencia de estudiantes a la escuela disminuyó en algunos distritos

En los meses posteriores a la toma de posesión de Trump, algunos distritos escolares reportaron una menor asistencia, ya que las familias inmigrantes mantenían a sus hijos en casa o, en algunos casos, abandonaban el país. En el Valle Central de California, las redadas de inmigración en enero y febrero coincidieron con un aumento del 22% en las ausencias estudiantiles en comparación con los dos años escolares anteriores, según un estudio del economista de la Universidad de Stanford

Thomas Dee, y Big Local News.

La demanda incluye testimonios de maestros anónimos que informan haber visto un aumento de la ansiedad y una disminución de la participación y asistencia de estudiantes que son inmigrantes o hijos de inmigrantes.

Maestros de secundaria en Pensilvania y Virginia dijeron que algunos estudiantes dejaron de asistir en la primavera, temerosos de ser arrestados en el campus. Un patólogo del habla en una escuela primaria de California dijo que los padres inmigrantes eran reacios a inscribir a sus hijos en servicios de educación especial porque significaría dar más información a la escuela. Un maestro de secundaria en Texas para estudiantes que aprenden inglés dijo que la inscripción en sus clases ha disminuido drásticamente.

“Las aulas de Estados Unidos deben ser lugares seguros y acogedores para el aprendizaje y el descubrimiento”, afirmó Randi Weingarten, presidenta de la Federación Estadounidense de Maestros.

Becky Pringle, presidenta de la Asociación Nacional de Educación, dijo que el gobierno de Trump está creando miedo y caos, y “nuestros estudiantes, escuelas y comunidades están pagando el precio”.

Líderes en las iglesias con gran población inmigrante que entablaron la demanda también describieron un aumento de la ansiedad y una disminución en la asistencia a misa.

Los abogados argumentan que la decisión de Trump de abrir las iglesias a la aplicación de la ley migratoria viola los derechos de la Primera Enmienda de los feligreses porque les hace temer demasiado asistir a la iglesia. Rescindir el memorando de lugares sensibles, dice la demanda, viola la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo, que prohíbe a las agencias implementar políticas que sean “arbitrarias, caprichosas, un abuso del criterio personal o de algún otro modo no apegado a la ley”.

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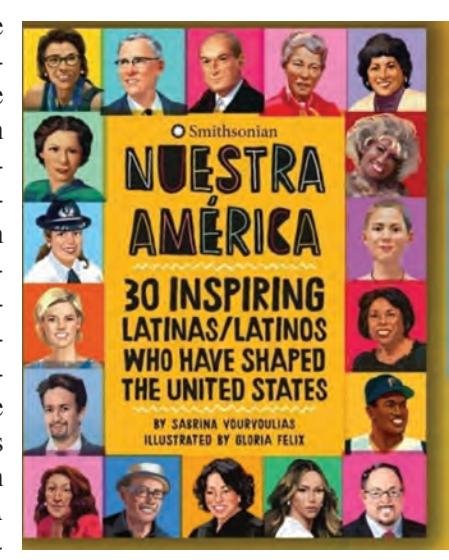
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On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:30 pm, the Music Business Technology students from Owens Community College will present their second concert of the 10th Annual, 2025-26, Accent on the Arts concert series, featuring La Nueva Onda. *Accent on the Arts* is a free concert series designed, booked, promoted, and presented by Music Business Technology students. The concert will be in the spacious, 526-seat, Mainstage Theatre in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts on the Owens Community College Toledo Campus. The Center for Fine and Performing Arts is located at: 7270 Biniker RD, Perrysburg, Ohio.



La Nueva Onda is a Tejano/Conjunto band, comprised of five members from the Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio areas. The band was originally formed by two brothers, Hervey Atkinson and Paul Cervantes, in 2001. After a long hiatus, the band reformed strengthening their sound with another brother Eduardo Atkinson, and musical brothers Sammy Gonzalez and Fernando Hernandez. Together they have brought La Nueva Onda's sound to a new level and have continued to create a following in their community and surrounding areas. Each member prides themselves on delivering high-energy heart-felt performances with every show no matter how big or small. You can learn more about *La Nueva Onda* here: Instagram: LaNuevaOnda_Official

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By Harold Harris, Write-In Candidate for City of Toledo Mayor
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Dr. Brittany Jones
Nick Komives
Cassandra McPherson
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Recipe of the Week

By Alicia Boes, aliciaboes1@gmail.com

José's Salsa Macha

Ingredients

- 2 large ancho peppers
- 20 chile de árbol peppers
- 1/2 cup peanuts and 1/4 cup peeled sunflower seeds
- 8 garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 2 cups olive oil
- ½ tbsp chicken bouillon
- ½ tbsp Mexican oregano



Instructions

1. Prep the chiles:

Remove stems and seeds from all peppers. Chop into small pieces (1/4 inch or smaller).

2. Toast the base:

In a medium pot, heat oil over medium-high. Add peanuts, seeds, garlic, and sesame seeds. Cook about 2 minutes until garlic is golden and seeds are lightly toasted.

3. Add chiles:

Stir in chopped chiles. Cook until Chiles are toasted. Do not burn Chiles. Let cool for 10 minutes.

4. Blend:

Pulse in a blender or food processor until combined but still chunky—don't over-process (add chicken bouillon and oregano)

5. Serve or store:

Spoon over your favorite dishes or refrigerate in a sealed jar.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year from **September 15 to October 15**, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of the Latino Community whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

September 15th is significant because it is the day of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, and Día de la Raza is celebrated October 12.

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Answer: La pita

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Spanish: Buscarle tres pies al gato

Literal: To look for three feet on the cat

Meaning: To make something more complicated than necessary

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La Prensa

South Toledo holds its 1st Community HUB Conversation with Toledo Public Schools (TPS) & Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center (SQACC)

By Colette Cordova & Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce

On September 11, 2025, Toledo Public Schools (TPS) held its first community HUB conversation in the Historic Southend of Toledo. The term *HUB* comes from a community schools framework that is holistic and “positions schools as community centers, providing an integrated network of resources and support to students, families, and the wider community” (Reference: <https://www.communityschools.org>). Key components of a HUB typically include 1) “Integrated Student Supports such as health services and social supports;” 2) “Expanded and Enriched Learning, such as extended learning time and curriculum connected to the community;” 3) “Family and Community Engagement,” that fosters strong partnerships within the school and the community; and 4) “Collaborative Leadership,” that involves the community through “a shared approach to decision-making and ownership for results.” A HUB approach is used “to better student outcomes” and to create stronger and healthier communities (www.communityschools.org). Last school year, TPS, members of Escuela SMART, Avance Latinx Académico Society (ALAS), Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center (SQACC), and the Historic Southend of Toledo community decided to implement this HUB concept. In doing so, an El Centro Escuela SMART HUB Director, Belinda Covarrubias, was hired to implement HUB goals resulting from her surveying the needs of the commu-

nity, area schools in this district, and particularly Escuela SMART Academy.

Last Thursday, September 11, 2025, was the first event for this HUB and the sharing of the community survey results. Of the community surveys collected from July 28 through September 1, 2025, there were a total of 174 respondents. The most of any HUB we were told at this event, with most of the respondents coming from the zip codes, 43609 (the “old” Southend) that has approximately 20,495 people, and 43614 (the “new” Southend) that has approximately 29,396. Together, the 43609 and the 43614 population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau (July 1, 2024), has a population of about 49,891. As of 2024, Toledo had 265,638 residents (U.S. Census Estimates, July 1, 2024). Sixty percent of the respondents lived in zip codes 43609 or 43614. The majority of respondents, 83%, resided in the South End of Toledo at least one year. Fifty percent of the respondents were between the ages of 50 to 54 years of age. Seventy percent (70%) of the respondents were female.

The survey that was distributed and collected had priority rankings along with open ended questions and was administered online via social media and handed out in the community at local businesses, grocery bags, school back packs, the Mayores Senior Center, St Joseph’s Church, as well as door-to-door. The HUB Director stated that the four biggest priorities/needs iden-

tified by the respondents in the survey included:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Safety
- Employment
- Housing

Transportation, legal and immigration services, along with education and childcare all had around 75% priority ratings. Being underemployed was an issue which led to unaffordable health insurance or no health insurance, finding affordable housing, unable to pay property taxes for home owners, costly home repairs, and struggling to get enough food.

After the presentation, those in attendance, primarily agency representatives, local business, and school representative, discussed in round tables each of the priorities with a wrap-up at the end. The three core areas regarding the school as the community HUB include:

- Health & Wellness
- Academic Success
- Family & Community Engagement

Specific data for the surveys at Escuela SMART will be forth coming later as more information is gathered along with input from the ALAS board and the HUB advisory board. According to the ALAS Board President, Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce and Vice-President, Colette Cordova, the ALAS advisory board looks forward to seeing a plan for wrap-around services at Escuela SMART, specifying timely, action items with measurable goals and objectives that are culturally relevant to the success of the students and families in the school and the community. These services, along with advocacy and policy changes, need to be included in the plan to improve the lives of those in the community as well as the students and their families we serve. This community event was an encouraging first step in this process.

El Sur de Toledo celebra su primer Conversatorio sobre HUB's Comunitarios con las Escuelas Públicas de Toledo (TPS) y el Centro de Arte y Cultura Sofía Quintero (SQACC)

Por Colette Cordova y la Dra. Linda Alvarado-Arce

El 11 de septiembre de 2025, las Escuelas Públicas de Toledo (TPS) celebraron su primer Conversatorio sobre HUB's Comunitarios en el



From the left: Ms. Celeste Feliz; TPS Superintendent, Dr. Romules Durant; and Nuestra Gente Director, Ms. Linda Parra.

histórico Southend de Toledo. El término *HUB* proviene de un marco holístico para escuelas comunitarias que “posiciona a las escuelas como centros comunitarios, proporcionando una red integrada de recursos y apoyo a estudiantes, familias y la comunidad en general” (Referencia: www.communityschools.org). Los componentes clave de un HUB incluye:

- 1) Apoyos Estudiantiles Integrados, como servicios de salud y apoyo social;
- 2) Aprendizaje Ampliado y Enriquecido, como tiempo de aprendizaje extendido y un currículo conectado con la comunidad;
- 3) Participación Familiar y Comunitaria, que fomenta sólidas alianzas dentro de la escuela y la comunidad;
- 4) Liderazgo Colaborativo, que involucra a la comunidad mediante un enfoque compartido para la toma de decisiones y la responsabilidad de obtener resultados.”

El 60 % de los encuestados vivía en los códigos postales 43609 o 43614. La mayoría de los encuestados, el 83 %, había residido en el Southend de Toledo al menos un año. El 50 % de los encuestados tenía entre 50 y 54 años. El setenta por ciento (70%) de los encuestados eran mujeres.

La encuesta, distribuida y recopilada, incluyó una clasificación de prioridades y preguntas abiertas. Se administró en línea a través de redes sociales y se repartió en la comunidad en negocios locales, bolsas de supermercado, mochilas escolares, el Centro Mayores, la Iglesia de San José y puerta a puerta. El director del HUB indicó que las cuatro principales prioridades/necesidades identificadas por los encuestados fueron:

de este HUB y se compartieron los resultados de la encuesta comunitaria. De las encuestas comunitarias recopiladas entre el 28 de julio y el 1 de septiembre de 2025, hubo un total de 174 participantes. En este evento, nos informaron que la mayoría de los encuestados provenían de los códigos postales 43609 (el “antiguo” Southend),

con aproximadamente 20,495 habitantes, y 43614 (el “nuevo” Southend), con aproximadamente 29,396. En conjunto, la población de los códigos postales 43609 y 43614, según la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU. (1 de julio de 2024), eran aproximadamente 49,891 habitantes. En 2024, Toledo contaba con 265,638 residentes (estimaciones del Censo de EE. UU., 1 de julio de 2024). El 60 % de los encuestados vivía en los códigos postales 43609 o 43614. La mayoría de los encuestados, el 83 %, había residido en el Southend de Toledo al menos un año. El 50 % de los encuestados tenía entre 50 y 54 años. El setenta por ciento (70%) de los encuestados eran mujeres.

Después de la presentación, los asistentes, principalmente representantes de agencias, empresas locales y representantes de escuelas, debatieron en mesas redondas cada una de las prioridades, con un resumen al final. Las tres áreas principales de la escuela como centro comunitario incluyen:

- Salud y bienestar
- Éxito académico
- Participación familiar y comunitaria

Los datos específicos de las encuestas en la Escuela SMART se publicarán más adelante, a medida que se recopile más información y se aporten las aportaciones de la junta directiva de ALAS y el consejo asesor del centro. Según la presidenta de la junta de ALAS, la Dra. Linda Alvarado-Arce, y la vicepresidenta, Colette Cordova, el consejo asesor de ALAS espera con interés un plan de servicios integrales en la Escuela SMART, que especifique acciones oportunas con metas y objetivos medibles y culturalmente relevantes para el éxito de los estudiantes y las familias en la escuela y la comunidad.

Estos servicios, junto con la promoción y los cambios en las políticas, deben incluirse en el plan para mejorar la vida de los miembros de la comunidad, así como de los estudiantes y sus familias a quienes servimos. Este evento comunitario fue un primer paso alentador en este proceso.

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Sister Cities International Festival was on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Erie Street Market. Pictured left: Cassondra (Cassie) Werner, who is the new President of the Association of Two Toledos, carried the Spanish flag. Norman Bell is next to the Tanzanian flag. Pictured right: Liz Unzik and Dana Baur. Photos courtesy of Raquel Bravo

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LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM UPCOMING EVENTS

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Bluey Science!

Tuesday, Sept. 23; 6 to 7 p.m. Domonkas Branch Explore the world of the Heeler family through a series of themed activities and experiments. Preregistration required.

Kids Cook: Herbed Popcorn

Tuesday, Sept. 23; 6:30 p.m. South Lorain Branch A beginner's series for young cooks, bakers and foodies ages 5 to 8. Preregistration required.

Family Story Time

Mondays, Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3; 11 a.m. at the Domonkas Branch Wednesdays, Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5; 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch Children of all ages with their caregivers are invited to stories, movements, rhyme and play.

Laser Cutter and Engraver 101

Wednesday, Sept. 24; 10 a.m. to noon at the North Ridgeville Branch

Monday, Oct. 6; 10 a.m. to noon at the Avon Branch

Learn the basic skills required to operate the laser cutter and engraver in the Create Space. Preregistration required.

Artsy Story Time

Thursdays, Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6; 10:30 a.m. at the South Lorain Branch

2-6 year olds and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes, then explore with art materials! Dress for a mess. Preregistration required.

Laser Cut Holiday Crafts: Halloween

Wednesday, Sept. 24; 2:30 p.m.

Main Library Drop in and decorate a lasercut craft with a holiday theme.

Kids Cook: HandPressed Tortillas with Avocado

Wednesday, Sept. 24; 5:30 p.m., Main Library, A beginner's series for young cooks, bakers and foodies ages 9 to 12. Preregistration required.



The Lakeview Pen Writers Group

Wednesdays, Sept. 24; Oct. 29; Nov. 19; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Domonkas Branch Join our pressurefree and friendly writing group. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for whatever project you are working on. Hybrid

Preschool Fiesta

Wednesday, Sept. 24; 6:30 p.m.

South Lorain Branch Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a joyful preschool fiesta featuring bilingual stories, colorful crafts and tasty snacks. Little ones can explore culture through handson fun and shared traditions!

Bilingual Story Time

Thursdays, Sept. 25; Oct. 30; Nov. 13; 11 a.m.

Main Library Vengan a leer y bailar! Children of all ages with their caregivers are invited to enjoy music and stories in both English and Spanish.

Calling All Storytellers: LPLS Spooky Story Contest Returns for a Second Year

Do you have a chilling tale that's dying to be told?

The Lorain Public Library System invites students in grades 6 through12 and adults who live in or attend school in Lorain County to submit their original ghost stories as part of the Second Annual Spooky Story Contest, launched Monday, Sept. 2, 2025.

Entries will be accepted online at LorainPublicLibrary.org through Sunday, September 22, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Participants must upload their stories as a .doc

or .docx file using the online form. Teachers or parents submitting multiple entries on behalf of students may email them directly to contest@lpls.info. Each entry must include the required contact and school information.

Submission Requirements

- File format: .doc or .docx
- Font: Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri, size 12
- Spacing: Double-spaced
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Length: 500 to 2,500 words (approximately 2 to 8 pages)

• Pages must be numbered

• Include: legal name, pen name (if applicable), grade and school (if applicable), home address, phone number and email

All entrants will be invited to the Spooky Story Recital at the Avon Branch on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m., where winning stories will be read aloud and prizes — sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library — will be awarded.

For full contest details and to submit your entry, visit LorainPublicLibrary.org.

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Immigrants' Scams and Hopes

By Colette Cordova

It's a good news, bad news, story. Even though the majority of Americans, up to 70% in some polls, approve and appreciate immigrant populations, some are trying to take advantage of the immigrants' plight.

The bad news—scammers. The anti-immigrant climate we are in has many scammers posing as immigration attorneys and taking advantage of immigrants trying to extend their visas, work permits, or expedite their green card applications. On August 27, 2025, the American Bar Association (ABA) issued an alert against these fraudulent immigration law practices. Not only does it drain the limited funds of immigrants, but bad advice makes their situation worse with "victims vulnerable to detention or removal." The ABA recommends seeing an attorney face-to-face; reputable attorneys will not contact people via WhatsApps or on-line. Additionally, reputable legal assistance can be sought through the *Immigration Advocates Network* and the *American Immigration Lawyers Association*.

Before thousands of dollars are spent for assistance with immigration status, make sure it is with a trustworthy source, and not just a referral from a friend or acquaintance. For additional information on legitimate immigration resources, contact the *ABA Commission on Immigration* or Shanda Ivory at Shandaivory@americanbar.org.

Additionally, others are pushing back by introducing The Dignity Act of 2025 (H.R. 4393) so immigrants are safe from deportation if they have lived here seven years. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Florida) introduced the bill in July 15, 2025 in the House of Representative with co-sponsor by Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-Texas). It is a bipartisan effort to strengthen border security while providing undocumented individuals with an opportunity to obtain legal status. "This bipartisan effort comes as new polling indicates that eight out of ten Americans believe immigration is a good thing for the U.S. and support allowing undocumented immigrants to earn

legal status if they meet certain requirements over a period of time. (One goal is to eliminate the green card backlog by 2035 by creating an optional fast-track program for green card applicants who have been waiting for 10 years or more.) The bill's title stands for "Dignity for Immigrants while Guarding our Nation to Ignite and Deliver the American Dream" or the "DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act." For more details see: https://immigrationforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Dignity-Act-of-2025_bill-summary-1.pdf

On August 6, 2025 Rep. Salazar posted an update that the Dignity Act of 2025 (H.R. 4393) has "gained significant momentum, receiving endorsements from over 30 stakeholder groups nationwide. Support now comes from a broad coalition of faith-based organizations, business associations, farmers, veterans, and immigration advocacy organizations."

Additionally, "The Dignity Act is a revolutionary bill that offers the solution to our immigration crisis: secure the border, stop illegal immigration, and provide an earned opportunity for long-term immigrants to stay here and work," said Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar. "No amnesty. No handouts. No citizenship. Just accountability and a path to stability for our economy and our future." For more detail on which groups and organizations are supporting the Dignity Act of 2025 go to: <https://salazar.house.gov/media/press-releases/dignity-act-2025-support-what-they-are-saying>

Estafas y esperanzas de inmigrantes

Por Colette Cordova

Es una buena noticia, pero también una mala

noticia. Aunque la mayoría de los estadounidenses, hasta el 70% en algunas encuestas, aprueba y aprecia a las poblaciones inmigrantes, algunos intentan aprovecharse de su difícil situación.

Las malas noticias: los estafadores. El clima antiinmigrante en el que vivimos ha provocado que muchos estafadores se hagan pasar por abogados de inmigración y se aprovechen de los inmigrantes que intentan extender sus visas, permisos de trabajo o agilizar sus solicitudes de residencia permanente. El 27 de agosto de 2025, la Asociación Americana de Abogados (ABA, por sus siglas en inglés) emitió una alerta contra estas prácticas fraudulentas en materia de leyes de inmigración. No solo agotan los limitados recursos de los inmigrantes, sino que los malos consejos empeoran su situación, con víctimas vulnerables a la detención o la expulsión. La ABA recomienda consultar con un abogado en persona; los abogados con buena reputación no contactarán a las personas por WhatsApp ni en línea. Además, se puede buscar asistencia legal confiable a través de la Red de Defensores de la Inmigración y la Asociación Americana de Abogados de Inmigración.

Antes de gastar miles de dólares en asistencia con el estatus migratorio, asegúrese de que provenga de una fuente confiable y no solo de una recomendación de un amigo o conocido. Para obtener más información sobre recursos legítimos de inmigración, comuníquese con la Comisión de Inmigración de la ABA o con Shanda Ivory en Shandaivory@americanbar.org. Además, otros se



Colette Cordova

que nuevas encuestas indican que ocho de cada diez estadounidenses creen que la inmigración es positiva para Estados Unidos y apoyan que los inmigrantes indocumentados obtengan estatus legal si cumplen ciertos requisitos durante un período determinado.

(Uno de los objetivos es eliminar el retraso en la tramitación de tarjetas de residencia para 2035 mediante la creación de un programa opcional de vía rápida para los solicitantes que hayan estado esperando 10 años o más). El título del proyecto de ley significa "Dignidad para los inmigrantes mientras protegemos nuestra nación para impulsar y hacer realidad el sueño americano" o "Ley de DIGNIDAD". Para más detalles, consulte: https://immigrationforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Dignity-Act-of-2025_bill-summary-1.pdf

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Kingdom Without Borders — The Global Apostolic Reach of Bishop Michael Pitts

Part Two

By Christina Rodriguez

From packed stadiums in Cape Town to prayer-filled revival nights in Latin America, Bishop Michael Pitts has spent decades preaching a gospel that transcends culture, language, and geography. As the founder of Cornerstone Global Network, his voice has reached millions, but it all started with a storefront in Toledo, Ohio, and a commitment to teaching *Kingdom principles* above all else.

This second part of our feature explores the cross-cultural ministry, writings, and personal legacy of a man who has never sought a spotlight but has faithfully followed the call of God wherever it leads.

A Family Across Nations

Cornerstone Global Network wasn't born from a branding strategy; it was born out of **relational hunger**. "There were pastors around the world who didn't want a denomination," Bishop Pitts explains. "They wanted a family."

One of the most pivotal relationships came through the **Peña family in Mexico City**. Pastor Ofir Peña had just taken over a church when he heard Pitts preach a message called "*My Sheep Know My Voice*." Even though he didn't speak English fluently at the time, Peña knew this was the covering his church needed. He taught himself English so he could understand and eventually connect.

Over time, Cornerstone Global Network grew to include hundreds of churches across Latin America, many of which now operate under one logo, one mission, and one family identity. "We spent a year studying cultural values," Pitts says. "We weren't trying to Americanize anything. We were trying to unify under the Kingdom."

His message in Latin America has been warmly embraced, largely because of the way he leads—with heart and humility. "We are a family," he often says. "I never wanted people to feel I was above them. I came to walk with them."

The Spirit of Excellence
Bishop Pitts teaches that basic principles transcend culture. "You don't have

to be rich or speak perfect English or Spanish to walk in Kingdom truth," he says. "If God gives you something to do, and you're anointed, you can win with standard equipment."

That's the essence of the **spirit of excellence**, a recurring theme in his ministry. "Excellence isn't about money or polish. It's about doing the best you can with what you have and doing it with the right spirit."

Even as a non-Spanish speaker, Pitts has preached extensively across Spanish-speaking nations because the principles he shares cut deeper than language. "We translate the sermons, but the truth is already speaking."

Books That Speak Across Cultures

With over a dozen books in print, Bishop Pitts' writing ministry is just as impactful as his preaching. His most personal? **Fault Lines**, a deeply introspective work that, he says, took his whole life to write.

"The first book was the hardest," he reflects. "Because I had never done it before. But *Power Shifters*—that one came by revelation. It wasn't study; it was deposited."

His wife Kathi's favorite, *Soul Ties*, has generated verifiable testimonies across the globe. "People have literally been set free after reading it," he says.

Three of his books—*Fault Lines*, *Breaking Ungodly Soul Ties*, and *Spiritual Assassins*, have been translated into Spanish and are distributed widely in Mexico and beyond.

His hope for readers? "That the words mean something. That people are helped, that they go from point A to point B. My books will outlive me, and I'm okay with that."

Family, Balance, and Leadership

Bishop Pitts' approach to family and balance is refreshingly unconventional. "It's not 50/50," he says. "It's 100% wherever I am. My family and my ministry aren't separate. It's one vision."

Emerging pastors often



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ask how to stay grounded. His advice: "Stay accountable. Have someone you trust who can keep you centered. Enjoy the journey. Don't run yourself into the ground. Self-care isn't optional."

He lives by this rhythm:
Divert daily. Withdraw weekly. Abandon annually.

Legacy and the Mantle Ahead

What does he want to leave behind? The answer is simple: **kindness, honesty, and impact**.

"I want people to feel like I was a good guy, that I used my influence to help others. That I believed in the brotherhood of all mankind: Black, white, African, Mexican. And that I refused to participate in being mean and ugly, even when it was easier to."

Though the Cornerstone movement continues to grow, Bishop Pitts has **transferred the mantle to his daughter and son in law who are growing it, transforming it and taking it to new levels to reach more people**. Future leadership will emerge, and he's committed to empowering the next generation of apostolic voices to take the Kingdom further than he ever could.

A Gift for You

To honor his deep connection with the Spanish-speaking world, Bishop Michael Pitts is offering a Spanish version of his book *Fault Lines* for \$5.99.

Scan the QR code to purchase your digital download.

Final Word

He's been misunderstood. He's been underestimated. But Bishop Michael Pitts has never lost focus.

One of his spiritual fathers, Bishop T.D. Jakes, once looked him in the eyes and said: "Stand up. The world is waiting on you."

He stood. And he never sat back down.

Jueza bloquea temporalmente esfuerzos de EEUU para deportar a niños guatemaltecos y hondureños

Por JACQUES BILLEAUD y MORGAN LEE Associated Press

TUCSON, Arizona, EE.UU., Sep 11, 2025 (AP) — Una jueza federal en Arizona le prohibió temporalmente al gobierno del presidente Donald Trump deportar a niños guatemaltecos y hondureños que viven en albergues o en cuidado temporal después de llegar a Estados Unidos sin la compañía de un adulto, según una decisión del jueves.

La jueza de distrito Rosemary Márquez en Tucson extendió al menos hasta el 26 de septiembre una orden de restricción temporal emitida a finales de agosto. Márquez expresó preocupación sobre si el gobierno había hecho arreglos para que algunos padres o tutores legales en Guatemala se hicieran cargo de los niños.

Laura Belous, abogada del Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, que representa a los niños, declaró en la corte que los menores no habían expresado deseo de ser repatriados a sus países de origen —Guatemala y Honduras— debido a preocupaciones de que podrían enfrentar negligencia, posible tráfico infantil o dificultades asociadas con condiciones médicas.

Los abogados de los niños señalaron que sus clientes han manifestado temor de volver a casa y que el gobierno no está siguiendo las leyes diseñadas para proteger a los niños migrantes.

La organización de Belous presentó una demanda en Arizona a nombre de 57 niños guatemaltecos y otros 12 hondureños, todos de entre 3 y 17 años de edad. ¿Deportaciones desde Washington?

La demanda, junto con una denuncia relacionada interpuesta ante un juez federal en Washington, D.C., responde a los intentos que llevó a cabo el gobierno de Trump a finales de agosto para deportar a niños migrantes guatemaltecos que vivían en albergues gubernamentales y bajo cuidados temporales después de llegar a Estados Unidos sin la compañía de un adulto.

Durante un operativo nocturno realizado el 30 de agosto, el gobierno notificó a los albergues que los niños serían enviados de regreso a Guatemala, por lo que deberían estar listos para

partir en cuestión de horas. La mañana del 31 de agosto, decenas de niños incluso abordaron aviones en Texas y estaban listos para partir rumbo a Guatemala.

En la audiencia del jueves en Tucson, Denise Ann Faulk, una asistente del fiscal, enfatizó que las repatriaciones de los niños fueron negociadas al más alto nivel diplomático y les evitarían prolongadas prohibiciones para regresar a Estados Unidos.

Casi todos los niños estaban bajo la custodia de la Oficina de Reasentamiento de Refugiados del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos y vivían en albergues en el área de Phoenix y de Tucson. Demandas similares presentadas en Illinois y Washington, D.C., buscan impedir que el gobierno expulse a los menores.

La jueza Márquez dijo que le parecía "aterrador" que los funcionarios estadounidenses no se hubieran coordinado con los padres de los niños. También expresó preocupación de que el gobierno le estuviera negando a los niños el acceso a una revisión por parte de un juez de inmigración, y señaló que los representantes legales de los niños fueron notificados a altas horas de la noche y con poca antelación sobre sus preparativos para la deportación de los menores.

El gobierno federal ha argumentado que actúa en el mejor interés de los niños al intentar reunirlos con sus familias a petición del gobierno guatemalteco. Después de que funcionarios guatemaltecos recorrieron las instalaciones de detención en Estados Unidos, el gobierno dijo que estaba "muy preocupado" y que aceptaría a los niños que quisieran regresar voluntariamente.

Cambios en los patrones de inmigración

Una gran cantidad de menores sin compañía de un adulto comenzó a cruzar la frontera en 2014, alcanzando un pico de 152.060 durante el ejercicio fiscal 2022. El recuento de arrestos de julio de 2025 se traduce a una tasa anual de 5.712 arrestos, reflejando cómo los cruces ilegales han caído a sus niveles más bajos en seis décadas.

El año pasado, los guatemaltecos representaron el 32% de los residentes en instalaciones de detención gestionadas por el gobierno, seguidos por hondureños, mexicanos y salvadoreños. Una ley de 2008 requiere que los niños comparezcan ante un juez de inmigración con la oportunidad de momento a un mensaje en busca de comentarios.

"En un asunto práctico, simplemente parece que muchas de estas cosas que (la Oficina de Reasentamiento de Refugiados) ha asumido hacer — como exámenes y decisiones judiciales que deberían ser hechas por

un juez de inmigración con experiencia y tiempo para reunirse con un abogado y reunirse con un niño— simplemente se superan diciendo 'los estamos reuniendo' con los padres, dijo Márquez en la corte mientras presionaba a Faulk por más información.

Márquez fue designada como jueza federal en 2014, después de ser nominada por el entonces presidente Barack Obama. En documentos relacionados con su confirmación, se listó a sí misma como voluntaria en el Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project a principios de la década de 2000. La oficina de la jueza no respondió de momento a un mensaje en busca de comentarios.

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TARTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) will host 5 public events to gather community feedback on proposed service changes which – if approved – would take effect January 25, 2026.

Proposed service changes include:

- Service every 30 minutes for routes 3, 10, 20 and 31 between the hours of 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 2:30-5:30 p.m.
- The extension of Route 2 to Lourdes University
- The extension of both fixed route and TARTA Move paratransit service stop time (from 10:49 p.m. to 11:19 p.m.)
- A new route: 18, covering Alexis Road from Jackman Road to the Meijer on Alexis Road.
- The elimination of all route letters (i.e. 31H, 20F, 10L etc.). Branches of those routes would be covered by other schedule changes
- The elimination of routes 14 and 52. Other routes would be adjusted to cover the Route 14 area, and portions of Route 52 will be covered by Route 17, with TARTA Flex still providing service to that section of Secor Road
- Less frequent service on all routes after 6 p.m. Service every 90 minutes would begin at the 6 p.m. lineup for all routes.

The purpose of these events is to seek comment from the public and the business community on these proposals. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. Public meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- In-person Open House at TARTA Transit Hub, 612 N. Huron Street, Toledo, **Monday, Sept. 29**, 10 a.m.-noon
- In-person Open House at TARTA Transit Hub, 612 N. Huron Street, Toledo, **Monday, Sept. 29**, 1-3 p.m.
- In-person meeting at Mott Branch of Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 1010 Dorr Street, Toledo, **Monday, Oct. 6**, 6-8 p.m.
- Virtual meeting, **Monday, Oct. 13**, 6-7 p.m. via Zoom
- Virtual meeting, **Wednesday, Oct. 15**, 10-11 a.m. via Zoom

A complete list of proposed changes will be posted at tarta.com/servicechange beginning **Monday, September 22**. For more information on any of these public meetings, visit tarta.com/community/events/public-meetings. Customers and others from the public interested in submitting questions or comments may do so by emailing them to servicechange@tarta.com.

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Application Process

Important Requirements:

Applications are being accepted for all efficiency, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. You must call each property individually to schedule an appointment. All appointments must be conducted in person.

The required documents needed for affordable housing are as follows.

Each applicant must bring the following documents to their appointment:

- Photo ID/State ID
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Proof of income
- Documentation of all assets

Our Affordable Property Locations

Toledo Area Properties

Hope Manor	4702 Violet Rd, Toledo, OH 43623-4325	419.246.4733	Senior
Douglas Square	4811 Douglas Rd, Toledo, OH 43613-3200	419.472.6087	
Oblate Residences	1225 Flaire Dr, Toledo, OH 43615	419.536.3862	Senior
New Heritage Village	711 Locust St., Toledo, OH 43604	419.244.2836	
Frisch Properties	711 Locust St., Toledo, OH 43604	419.244.2836	
Byron Properties	711 Locust St., Toledo, OH 43604	419.244.2836	
Jac Rentals	711 Locust St., Toledo, OH 43604	419.244.2836	
Vistula Heritage II	817 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604	419.246.0832	
Englewood Senior	2737 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43606	419.244.3938	Senior
Saint Hedwig	244 Bronson Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43608	419.481.9016	Senior
YWCA	1018 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604	419.241.3235	
South Toledo Homes	817 Michigan Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604	419.246.0832	
Turner Properties	711 Locust, Toledo, Ohio 43604	419.244.2836	

Cleveland Office Properties

Streetsboro Family Homes	9461 Vista Ct. Streetsboro, Ohio 44241	(216) 862-0877
Church Square Commons	7338 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44103	(216) 862-0877

Market Rate Units

Westminster Row 1822 Cherry Street Toledo, Ohio 43604

How to Apply

Step 1: Call the specific property that interests you to schedule your appointment
Step 2: Attend your in-person appointment with all required documentation



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- PROTEJAN** Medicaid & Medicare/Seguro Social/SNAP.
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- SE OPONGAN** a la discriminación por color de piel, apariencia, idioma o nacionalidad.
- RESPETEN** nuestra cultura e idioma.

Regístrate antes del 6 de octubre para poder votar en las elecciones generales del 4 de noviembre de 2025



Fecha Límite de Registro de Votantes para la Elección General del 4 de noviembre de 2025

Por la presente, la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga notifica a las personas que deseen votar en la Elección General del 4 de noviembre de 2025 que deben inscribirse para votar a no más tarde del **6 de octubre de 2025**. Pueden inscribirse en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga, en la 1803 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, que abre de lunes a viernes de 8:30 AM a 4:30 PM.

Formularios de inscripción de electores están disponibles en los siguientes sitios:

1. La oficina del Secretario de Estado o cualquiera de las 88 juntas electorales de los condados.
2. La oficina de cualquier registrador delegado del Departamento de Vehículos de Motor de Ohio.
3. Oficinas de agencias designadas que proporcionan programas de asistencia pública o para incapacidades.
4. Bibliotecas públicas.
5. Escuelas secundarias públicas o vocacionales.
6. Oficinas del tesorero del condado.
7. Oficinas de agencias designadas:
 - El Departamento de Servicios del Trabajo y de la Familia
 - El Departamento de Salud (Incluye el programa de la mujer, infantes y niños WIC)
 - El Departamento de Salud Mental
 - El Departamento de Servicios a Personas con Trastornos del Desarrollo y Discapacidades
 - La Comisión de Servicios de Rehabilitación
 - Cualquier universidad o colegio que es asistido por el estado que provee asistencia a estudiantes con incapacidades

Las personas que deseen inscribirse por correo pueden llamar, escribir o enviar un mensaje de correo electrónico a la Junta Electoral y solicitar que les envíen formularios por correo. Estos formularios deben completarse y devolverse a la Junta Electoral antes de la fecha límite indicada arriba.

Las personas que deseen inscribirse en línea pueden hacerlo en <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov> y hacer clic en "Inscripción de Electores" y seguir las instrucciones. Esto debe hacerse antes de la fecha límite de inscripción indicada arriba.

Las personas que deseen actualizar su dirección residencial en línea pueden hacerlo en el <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov>, hacer un clic en "español" y luego haga un clic en "Actualizar mi dirección". Esto también debe realizarse antes de la fecha límite indicada arriba.

Si una persona ya está inscrita para votar en el Estado de Ohio y desea cambiar de nombre y/o de dirección al Condado de Cuyahoga, puede hacerlo en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga, hasta e incluso el Día de las Elecciones. El Día de las Elecciones, usted puede informar el cambio y votar con una papeleta provisional en la oficina de la Junta Electoral o en el lugar de votación del distrito electoral en el cual está ubicada su nueva dirección electoral.

Usted está calificado para inscribirse para votar en Ohio si cumple con todos los siguientes requisitos:

1. Es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
2. Tendrá al menos 18 años de edad antes del o el día de la elección general.
3. Será residente de Ohio por al menos 30 días consecutivos antes de la elección en la cual usted desea votar.
4. No está encarcelado (en prisión) por una sentencia de delito mayor según las leyes de este estado, otro estado o los Estados Unidos.
5. Ningún tribunal de sucesiones le ha declarado incompetente para fines electorales.
6. No ha sido privado de sus derechos permanentemente por violaciones a las leyes electorales.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA ELECTORAL DEL CONDADO DE CUYAHOGA
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