

This bi-weekly email newsletter is part of NHMC's Information Education Movement and aims to educate and empower the NHMC community by providing accurate information, debunking information fraud, and encouraging civic engagement.

Debunking Information Fraud:

What's the Real Deal: the IRS and ICE

Latinos online and on social media have encountered claims that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will begin to share sensitive taxpayer information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to help find *all* undocumented immigrants.

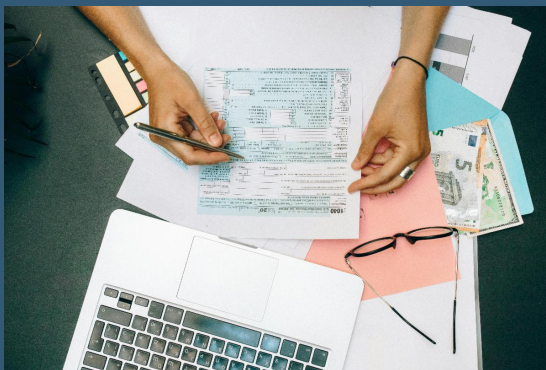
It's important to clarify that the data-sharing deal between ICE and DHS does not help to find *all* undocumented immigrants for deportation, and it does not compromise *all* undocumented immigrant information.

The deal, finalized on Monday April 7th, focuses on taxpayer information from a list of names and addresses already provided by ICE of those that violated federal immigration laws. In the 15 page "Memorandum Of Understanding", various parts are redacted, but what we understand so far is that ICE will come with a list of names and addresses of taxpayers who a) already face deportation orders and b) are under federal criminal investigations, including failing to leave the country.

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Weekly Dose of Positivity:

Senator Booker Breaks Historical Record



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Senator Cory Booker, Democrat from New Jersey, broke the record for the longest floor speech in U.S. history on Tuesday evening. Booker surpassed the 24-hour-and-18 minute record set in 1957 by South Carolina Democrat Strom Thurmond with his speech lasting 25 hours and 4 minutes. This comes at a historic time since Thurmond's filibuster record sought to block the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1957. During his speech, Senator Booker shared letters from constituents about important issue

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Legislation Outlook:

Digital Equity Act

The Digital Equity Act (DEA), passed under the Biden administration, was a 2.7 billion dollar program aimed at ensuring that covered populations have broadband access. Whether it was through infrastructure or digital training initiatives, all of these activities must stop while the DEA is under investigation. The federal government gave grants to organizations to navigate these spaces and bridge the digital divide for historically and intentionally marginalized communities. The covered populations that these grants were meant to assist included aging

individuals, incarcerated individuals, veterans, individuals with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier, including English learners and those with low levels of literacy, individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group, and individuals who primarily reside in a rural area.

On April 9, 2025, the Trump administration decided to freeze all federal funding on the basis of 'race-based discrimination.' As civil society scrambles at this decision, it is important to note that this will halt all efforts to fix the digital divide.

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Legislation Lookout:

H.R. 2454- No Citizenship for Alien Invaders Act of 2025

On March 27, Representative Cory Mills of Florida introduced a bill aimed at ensuring that immigrants who entered the United States illegally would have no path to citizenship. Over the past decade, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has granted citizenship to more than 7.9 million individuals, welcoming them into the fabric of American society. This newly proposed bill has the potential to affect the lives of millions of undocumented individuals who came to the United States in search of better opportunities and a brighter future for themselves and their families. The contributions that undocumented immigrants make to the nation, both economically and socially, are significant and complex, influencing various aspects of life across the country. By denying them the chance to achieve full citizenship and access the rights and benefits associated with it, this legislation could have long-lasting effects on both the individuals involved and the broader community.



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Matters of the Press:

Banned No Longer

A federal judge ruled that the exclusion of the Associated Press from the White House to be "contrary to the First Amendment", a big step in reaffirming the fundamental right of the press and public to speak freely without government retaliation. Since February 11th, the Associated Press had been barred from key presidential events for continuing to refer to the Gulf of Mexico and not as the "Gulf of America" as decreed by President Trump. U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden, an appointee of President Donald Trump, was behind the ruling, stating that the administration must put the news agency on an equal advantage as other news outlets, despite opposing viewpoints.



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Quote of the Week:

“If you believe in a country where we take care of our neighbors, look after the poor and make sure our children have a future they can believe in, we have to fight for it.”

- Representative Ilhan Omar at the "Hands Off Rally" in Washington DC. To learn more, [click here](#).

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