

This bi-weekly email newsletter is part of NHMCs 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:

### Real or Fake: Immigrant Reality TV Show

On Friday, May 16, 2025, reports of a new reality television show pitched to the Department of Homeland Security became a popular topic among the community. The idea came from Canadian producer, Rob Worsoff, who is an immigrant himself. He claimed he's had "three conversations with the current DHS about his pitch, and they've gone far." Worsoff says the reality TV show would be a competition show in which viewers vote for their favorite contestant and the winner would gain U.S. citizenship. Worsoff claims that this show would bring a positive light to immigration. The proposal spread through social media platforms very quickly, with many highlighting the similarities between the idea and popular **dystopian novels**. Worsoff himself told the media that his intention is not to create a "a situation resembling the Hunger Games for migrants." Among the Spanish-speaking community, the story quickly became viral, causing fear within the immigrant community. Many believed that this was a done deal, causing outrage for the blatant disregard of humanity and empathy to immigrants in the U.S.

**However, Worsoff's claims of the immigrant reality TV show making headway in**

the DHS are false. DHS released a statement that same day under its “Fake News Friday” category, revealing that the publication by Daily Mail on Worsoff’s proposal is false. Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin stated that Secretary Kristi Noem has not backed a reality TV show for immigrants to receive U.S. citizenship, nor has the proposal received “approval or rejection” by staff

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For more information on how to recognize information fraud, refer to [NHMC’s Information Fraud Guide](#).

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## Weekly Dose of Positivity:

### NHMC 2025 Impact Awards Gala

The National Hispanic Media Coalition 2025 Impact Awards are soon approaching! This year’s ceremony will be held on Friday, June 6 in Beverly Hills. Al Madrigal (The Daily Show, Lopez vs. Lopez) and Jessica Marie Garcia (On My Block, Lopez vs. Lopez) will co-host the gala. NHMC recently announced this year’s honorees who are recognized for making an impact and setting an example of Latino excellence in the entertainment industry.

The 2025 Impact Award Honorees are:

- *Acapulco* – Authentic Storytelling Impact Award
- *Cobra Kai* – Ensemble Impact Award
- Cris Abrego – Leadership Impact Award
- Daniella Pineda – Outstanding Performance Impact Award
- Isabela Merced – Next Generation Impact Award
- Phil Lord – Visionary Impact Award
- Rey Mysterio – Legend Impact Award

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(New York Times / Kenny Holston)

## Legislation Lookout:

### One Big Beautiful Bill

Early this month, Congress geared up to send a budget bill to President Trump's desk with a problematic clause that would allow the Treasury Department to "strip the tax-exempt status of any nonprofit it deems a 'terrorist-supporting organization.'" This is reminiscent of H.R. 9495, the "Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act" that was introduced in the House last year (nicknamed the "non-profit killer bill".) The original bill, H.R. 9495 failed to pass after not being brought to vote on the Senate floor before the 118th Congress legislative term was over. The new clause, Section 12209 in the One Big Beautiful Bill, copies that same language in the failed H.R. 9495 which allows for a broad generalization of what the Treasury Department can classify as "material support or resources to a listed terrorist organization." **Recently**, on May 20, 2025, this provision was quietly removed from the bill.

In addition to this problematic provision, the bill emphasizes harmful cuts that affect our communities. More than 8 million people are at risk of losing Medicaid coverage due to the new work requirements the bill will impose. Changes to eligibility requirements to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) also pose risks to food assistance for 1-in-8 Americans. The bill includes a provision for increased border security enforcement and changes to immigration policy, such as "imposing a \$1,000 fee on migrants seeking asylum, which has never been done before in the United States." The bill passed in the House on Thursday, May 22, 2025, with a close margin vote, 215-214. It is now en route to the Senate Floor to be voted on.

To learn more about the bill, click [here](#).

To learn how this affects communities, click [here](#).

To find and contact your senator, click [here](#).

**Information to Know:**

## Head Librarian of Congress Fired



(Getty Images / Al Drago)

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, President Trump fired Head Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden, via email. Various people have stepped forth to speak out against this unjust decision. Since 2016, Hayden has been the Head Librarian of Congress, nominated by former President Barack Obama. She was the first woman and African American to hold this position. Under Hayden's leadership, the Library of Congress expanded its initiatives to be more accessible online and modernized so that younger generations can participate.

Hayden is not the first to be removed from her federal agency leadership position by Trump. President Trump has set a disturbing precedent of removing dedicated public servants from office without cause, including former Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Commissioner Alvaro Bedoya. This is a pattern that is harmful to the public because competent public servants are removed without prior explanation which is unconstitutional. It raises concerns over the rise of authoritarian principles and the executive branch's authority to terminate a public servant's employment without just cause.

To learn more, click [here](#).

To learn more about this pattern, click [here](#).

### **Quote of the Week:**

“Be a countervailing power; if it's not a countervailing power, it's not journalism.”

- Journalist Jorge Ramos at the 42nd Ortega y Gasset Journalism Awards. He received the Career Achievement award for his journalism trajectory.

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### **Useful Tips and Tools:**

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