

Dear Friends,

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Celebrations run from September 15th through October 15th. HHM's unique start date coincides with the celebrations of independence of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, during the month of September, Mexico and Chile declared independence from Spain, and Belize from Great Britain.



Even as we celebrate, SCOTUS has recently lifted a restriction on ICE targeting L.A. residents based on racial profiling issued by a lower court. The Court's decision to intervene early and without articulating any legal reasoning makes all Angelenos, regardless of their immigration status, less safe by subjecting our communities to terror disguised as "law and order."

The intervention subjects individuals to further profiling, harassment, and illegal detention. It makes all Angelenos unsafe because while today this decision most directly impacts those profiled as immigrants, tomorrow the reasoning could be applied to anyone targeted by the federal administration.

Bet Tzedek stands by the idea that our nation reaches its highest ideals when every person feels safe, regardless of the color of their skin or where they are from. We remain steadfast and committed to reaching every client, recognizing the dignity of their humanity through service.

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Protecting Small Businesses During Immigration Encounters

The administration and ICE are targeting anyone who looks Latino, deliberately harming individuals, families, and small businesses. **Bet Tzedek has resources, in both English and Spanish, to protect small businesses as the raids continue.** The guides help immigrant small businesses owners:

1. Prepare for immigration enforcement encounters with what to do and say
2. Learn how to protect employees and customers and explain their rights
3. Get tips on I-9 compliance and handling audits
4. Discover best practices for data security and employee privacy
5. Know the difference between warrants and subpoenas
6. Find out how to create effective written immigration policies for their business

Please share this with your network and anyone who may need it!

[ENGLISH RESOURCE HERE](#)

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Uplifting Senior Center Month



It's National Senior Center Month, a time to honor the powerful role senior centers play in promoting healthy aging, lifelong learning, and meaningful community connection! Bet Tzedek is proud to celebrate Senior Centers alongside the L.A. County Aging & Disabilities Department. **Bet Tzedek advocates travel to over 20 different senior centers each month** to meet with older community members and begin the process of addressing their legal needs.

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FREE Video Series to Grow Your Small Business!

Watch Bet Tzedek's informational video series for our Small Business Development Project, providing direct support in an accessible way. The videos include: **Small Business Support Promo, Top Legal Tips Every Business Owner Should Know, Client Success Story, Entity Formation Basics, Commercial Leasing Basics, ADA Compliance, Emergency Preparedness, and Intellectual Property Basics.**

These videos are available in four languages: **English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.** Check them out, share them with your network, and share them with small business owners who could benefit from this free legal information!

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What We're Reading: "Solito" by Javier Zamora

[Solito](#) is a deeply moving memoir by Salvadoran poet Javier Zamora that recounts his harrowing 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine. The book is narrated in the first-person present tense, capturing the immediacy and emotional intensity of a child's experience as he travels unaccompanied to reunite with his parents in California. The memoir is not only a personal story of survival and resilience but also a powerful testament to the emotional toll of migration on children. Zamora's poetic language and childlike perspective illuminate the trauma, fear, and hope that define the migrant experience.

Javier Zamora's journey in *Solito* mirrors the lived experiences of many undocumented children who arrive in the U.S. alone or without legal status. **Bet Tzedek plays a critical role in supporting these youth by helping them apply for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)** — a form of immigration relief available to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected by one or both parents. Bet Tzedek's work ensures that undocumented minors like Javier — who might otherwise fall into the foster care system or face deportation — can access legal guardianship, remain safely in the U.S., and thrive.

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Join the Bet Tzedek Team!

Have a passion for helping underserved residents in the community? Please apply for a chance to take a leadership position with dedicated staff and volunteers who help over 60,000 people per year.

Here are some critical positions we need to fill:

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