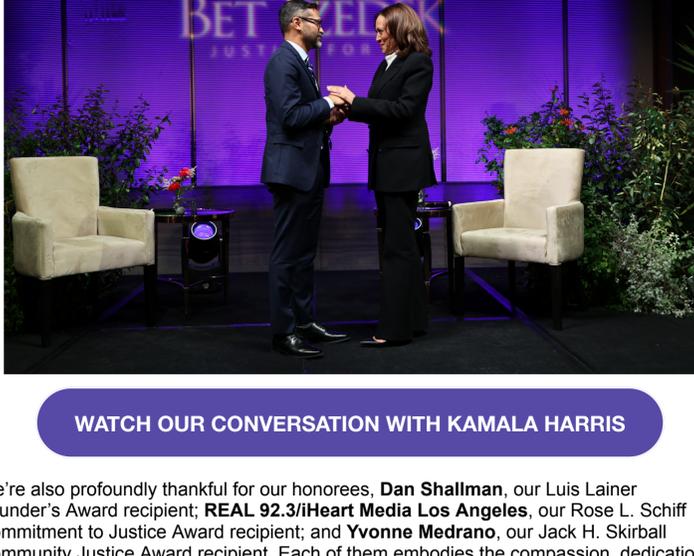


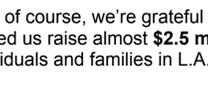
Dear Friends,

The commitment to Los Angeles and to equal access to the law was on full display at our **Dinner Gala on Thursday, March 5th!** We are deeply grateful to the **more than 900 people** who joined us for an inspiring and joy-filled evening. It was a privilege to welcome the 49th Vice President of the United States, the **Honorable Kamala D. Harris**, to this year's event. **Bet Tzedek's President & CEO Diego Cartagena** had the honor of speaking with the Vice President as she delivered valuable insights during their fireside chat at the beginning of the evening. If you weren't able to join us, take a look at the video.

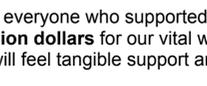


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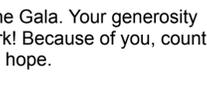
We're also profoundly thankful for our honorees, **Dan Shallman**, our Luis Lainer Founder's Award recipient; **REAL 92.3/iHeart Media Los Angeles**, our Rose L. Schiff Commitment to Justice Award recipient; and **Yvonne Medrano**, our Jack H. Skirball Community Justice Award recipient. Each of them embodies the compassion, dedication, and impact that strengthens our communities across Los Angeles every day.



*Yvonne Garcia Medrano  
Directing Attorney  
Bet Tzedek Employment Rights Project  
2026 Jack H. Skirball  
Community Justice Award*



*Doc Wynter and Big Boy  
REAL 92.3/iHeart Media Los Angeles  
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*The Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas with  
Daniel N. Shallman  
2026 Luis Lainer Founder's Award*

And, of course, we're grateful to everyone who supported the Gala. Your generosity helped us raise almost **\$2.5 million dollars** for our vital work! Because of you, countless individuals and families in L.A. will feel tangible support and hope.

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If you weren't able to make a contribution at the Gala but would like to **help us provide free legal services** to all communities, you can donate below.

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Thank you once again for your continued support. **Your generosity and commitment to helping Angelenos made the evening an overwhelming success!**

## Tax Season Is Here: Our Helpful Resources

It's that time of year again! Filing accurately means paying what you owe — no more, no less. See the link below for resources in both **English and Spanish** on five top tips, important tax changes for immigrant families, how the administration's new laws will affect immigrant families, and tax tips for ITIN filers & mixed-status families!



[TAX RESOURCES HERE](#)

## Celebrating Women's History Month!

The theme of **Women's History Month** this year, "**Leading the Change**," honors the women of the past who blazed trails and celebrates the women and girls today who are forging new ones.

At Bet Tzedek, we acknowledge this remarkable journey by confronting the ongoing challenges, including pay inequity, workplace harassment, healthcare barriers, economic insecurity, and more, faced by women and girls.

**We are committed to protecting and advancing women's rights at work, at home, and in everyday life, with particular focus on low-income women, women of color, LGBTQ+ women, and immigrant women.**

This month, we also celebrate the women in our Bet Tzedek community — staff, partners, and clients — whose leadership and dedication spark change and help drive our mission of justice for all forward. Follow our **social media accounts**, found at the bottom of this news digest, to join the conversation!

## Important Update for Immigrant Business Owners & Homeowners

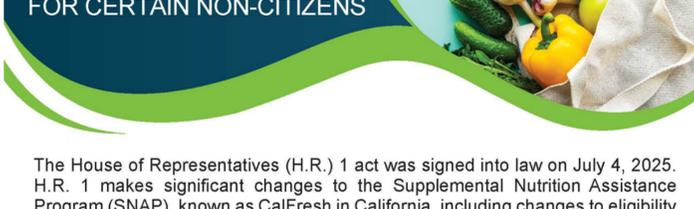
As of **March 1st**, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that **lawful permanent residents are no longer eligible for SBA loans**.

Under the new policy, small business owners must now be U.S. citizens to apply for SBA financing — including **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs)** that help businesses recover after natural disasters. See the button below for resources in both **English and Spanish**.

[SEE SBA UPDATES & GET HELP](#)

## Take Note: Changes to CalFresh Starting April 1st

**Starting April 1, 2026, certain non-citizens who apply for CalFresh may no longer be eligible**, including but not limited to, refugees, asylees, parolees, and individuals with deportations withheld. To find out more about the updated CalFresh eligibility, please see the flyers below from L.A. County DPSS. You can also visit the [Keep Your Benefits](#) page on the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) [website](#).



The House of Representatives (H.R.) 1 act was signed into law on July 4, 2025. H.R. 1 makes significant changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as CalFresh in California, including changes to eligibility requirements for non-citizens effective **April 1, 2026**.

**Certain non-citizens, such as but not limited to asylees, refugees, parolees, individuals with deportation or removal withheld, conditional entrants, battered non-citizens, and victims of trafficking will no longer be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits.** However, you may be eligible for CalFresh if your immigration status changes to Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) and you meet all other eligibility requirements.

If you are currently receiving CalFresh benefits, it will continue until your renewal if you meet all other eligibility criteria. Make sure to let your worker know at renewal if your immigration status has changed and provide verification.

New households applying for CalFresh on or after April 1, 2026, will be evaluated based on this policy change.



Scan the QR Code or visit the DPSS website for more information:  
<https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/keep-benefits.html>



La Ley de la Cámara de Representantes (H.R.) 1 se promulgó el 4 de julio de 2025. La ley H.R. 1 hace cambios significativos al Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP), conocido como CalFresh en California, incluyendo cambios en los requisitos de elegibilidad para los no-ciudadanos a partir del **1 de abril de 2026**.

**Ciertos no-ciudadanos, como, entre otros, asilados, refugiados, paroleros, personas en libertad condicional, personas con deportación o expulsión retenida, personas que ingresan condicionalmente, no-ciudadanos maltratados y víctimas de trata, ya no serán elegibles para recibir beneficios de CalFresh.** Sin embargo, usted podría ser elegible para CalFresh si su estatus migratorio cambia a Residente Legal Permanente (LPR) y cumple con todos los demás requisitos de elegibilidad.

Si usted actualmente recibe beneficios de CalFresh, esto continuará hasta su renovación si cumple con todos los demás criterios de elegibilidad. Asegúrese de informar a su trabajador al momento de la renovación si su estatus migratorio ha cambiado y proporcione verificación.

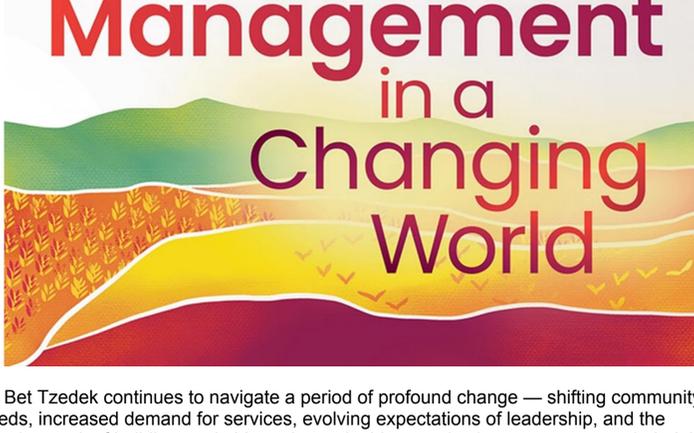
Los nuevos hogares que soliciten CalFresh el 1 de abril de 2026 o después serán evaluados basado en este cambio de política.



Escanee el código QR o visite el sitio web del DPSS para obtener más información:  
<https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/keep-benefits.html>

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## What We're Reading: *Management in a Changing World*



As Bet Tzedek continues to navigate a period of profound change — shifting community needs, increased demand for services, evolving expectations of leadership, and the ongoing work of building equitable and sustainable organizations — we are reminded that **how we manage matters as much as what we do**.

*Management in a Changing World: How to Manage for Equity, Sustainability, and Results* offers a timely and practical guide for leaders in nonprofit and social change organizations. Written by experienced movement leaders, the book centers management as a core justice practice — one that shapes team culture, distributes power thoughtfully, and helps organizations translate values into day-to-day decisions. It emphasizes clear roles and goals, healthy feedback, and supporting staff as whole people, all while staying focused on impact.

For nonprofits like Bet Tzedek, operating in a complex and rapidly changing environment, this kind of management is not optional — it is essential. Strong, values-aligned management helps us care for our teams, steward limited resources responsibly, and remain resilient in service of our mission. **At a time when the stakes for our communities are high, *Management in a Changing World* is a powerful reminder that effective, equitable leadership is one of the most important tools we have to meet the moment.**

## 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 70,000 people per year.

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