



Wind of the Spirit Breathing Free News

Who we are: we are a resource center for immigrants and together we work to make our Mission a reality in favor of our rights and responsibilities, and for a Fair and Humane Immigration policy that allows us to live with dignity.

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Our WotS team participated at large rallies held in Trenton on May 18 and June 26, which received prominent media coverage.

To keep up-to-date on these issues, and learn more about actions to get involved with, please contact WotS' Volunteer Advocacy Committee through adam@wotsnj.org.

DED FOR COLOMBIA

A WotS delegation travelled to Washington, DC on **July 20** to call for DED for Colombia; as WotS still continues to work for a TPS designation for Guatemala, and re-designations for El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Updates

The Values Act is still in-progress, but not yet passed. However, our state legislators have still not scheduled the bill for hearings which would lead to a vote. On August 3, WotS members attended a planning meeting on how to get the Values Act passed during the "lame duck" session, the period between the November elections and the end of this year, also known as the «lame duck» session.



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Registry

In the House of Representatives it is known as HR1511, and in the Senate S2606. Rep. Zoe Lofgren is the sponsor of HR1511, and it currently has 61 co-sponsors (including Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, who represents Plainfield). Senator Alex Padilla is the sponsor of S2606, which counts with all of the same sponsors as last year, including NJ's own Sen. Booker. This month WotS plans to schedule meetings, hold roundtables, and attend public events to push for support of Registry.

DOMESTIC WORKERS' RIGHTS

A large rally and march was held in Trenton on **June 15**, to demand the NJ Domestic Workers Bill of Rights; we will continue to work with our partners to get this bill passed too, within 2023.



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Townhalls YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT!!

A Townhall meeting is a gathering intended to give the community an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to the representatives. The meetings are usually scheduled in 2 sections: the representative talks about their duties, and there is also an open floor for questions from the constituents.

The opportunity to interact directly with your representative and make a good impression is essential for the visibility of your community; direct contact is the most influential method of communication with government officials. **If you are interested in attending Townhall meetings, please reach out to Ana at (862) 406- 8739 and Jessica at (201) 486- 0063. Simultaneous interpretation is available!**



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More than 20 WotS community members went to Rep. Mikie Sherrill's first public town hall since COVID on July 24 with this message; we have more work to do since she has not signed onto HR1511, and Sen. Menendez has not yet signed onto S2606.

Why is your participation important?

- Your voice and concerns can be heard since you are representing your community.
- It is an opportunity to learn more about your representatives and your community.
- You will be able to stay updated on news, current issues or ongoing policies from the direct source.
- You can ask questions and start a conversation about important topics.
- You are a fundamental component in politics and democracy.

Calendar

COMMITTEES:

- Thursday 3:** Domestic Workers (Dover) 7PM
- Thursday 13:** Madison committee 8PM
- Thursday 17:** Dover committee 7PM
- Thursday 24:** Plainfield Committee 7:30PM
- Monday 28:** Morristown committee 7PM
- Thursday 31:** Dover committee 7PM

COLECTIVOS:

- Thursday 10:** Colectivo meeting Dover 7PM
- Sunday 13:** Colectivo meeting Plainfield 8AM
- Monday 14:** Colectivo meeting Madison & Morristown 7PM

FORUMS:

- Tuesday 15:** Community Forum: Health & Nutrition. Plainfield 7PM
- Tuesday 29:** Community service: Eye Check in NJ. Plainfield 9AM- 12PM.
- Thursday 31:** Community Forum: Workers' Rights. Plainfield 7PM.

OTHER:

- Thursday 3:** Domestic Workers Virtual Training w/ the DW National Alliance 7PM
- Friday 4:** WotS information table for National Health Week 5PM
- Tuesday 8:** Health Fair w/ Neighborhood Health 11AM
- Tuesday 8:** Townhall council meeting Dover 7PM
- Tuesday 8:** National Health Week Plainfield/ Neighborhood Health 11AM - 3PM (1700 Myrtle Ave.)
- Thursday 15:** Dover Townhall 7PM & Vigil 5:45PM
- Saturday 26:** Domestic Workers Mobilization

ESL:

- Level 1:** Saturday de 9AM- 12PM PLAINFIELD
- Level 4:** Saturday de 1PM-4PM PLAINFIELD
- Level 2:** Sunday 2PM- 5PM DOVER
- Level 5:** Saturday 2PM- 5PM DOVER
- Level 5:** Saturday 2PM-5PM MORRISTOWN
- Level 4:** Saturday 2PM- 5PM MADISON

Affiliate or become a member of WotS and be part of this fight for dignity and immigrant rights.

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"If you let the wind blow quietly, what prayer do you hear?"