



OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

Creating a Welcoming Washington

THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT

- » Manage compliance with Executive Order 17-01
- » Help implement Keep Washington Working
- » Track developments in federal immigration policy
- » Review immigration-related legislation
- » Coordinate with stakeholders to advance new initiatives

EXECUTIVE ORDER 17-01

- » Entitled Reaffirming Washington's Commitment to Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusiveness
- » Directs Washington's cabinet agencies to provide assistance and services to all of the state's residents, without regard to immigration status
- » Prohibits agencies from inquiring into immigration status, enforcing civil immigration laws, registering individuals based on religious affiliation, etc.

KEEP WASHINGTON WORKING - SB 5497

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KEEP WASHINGTON WORKING

- » Creates an eleven-member workgroup to improve the role of immigrants in Washington's economy
- » Reinforces and expands Executive Order 17-01, narrowing the collection and disclosure of personal information at many state agencies
- » Prohibits, with limited exception, state and local law enforcement from affirmatively cooperating with federal immigration authorities
- » Directs the Attorney General to publish policies for schools, state health facilities, courthouses, shelters, and law enforcement related to immigration enforcement

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICY

- » DHS proposed rule on public charge
- » Leaked DOJ proposed rule on public charge
- » Citizenship question on the 2020 Census
- » HUD proposed rule on housing benefits
- » USCIS proposed rule to restrict fee waivers

DHS AND DOJ ON PUBLIC CHARGE

- » DHS released a proposed rule on public charge that will make it more difficult for those who have received certain public benefits to obtain visas or lawful permanent residency
- » Reuters recently reported that those who have received certain public benefits within five years of becoming a lawful permanent resident may be removable if the rule is enacted
- » Washington agencies are currently analyzing enrollment data to determine the scale of any chilling effect based on the proposed rules
- » Governor Inslee, Attorney General Ferguson, and Seattle Mayor Durkan jointly signed a comment opposing the proposed rule on public charge

2020 CENSUS

- » Washington has allocated more than \$15,000,000 to ensure a complete count of all of its residents
- » The Office of Financial Management employs two coordinators, and the state has a Complete Count Committee
- » The citizenship question is currently under review at the United States Supreme Court: *Department of Commerce, et al., v. New York, et al.*

For more information, please contact Lisa McLean or Susan Meldazy at 2020census@ofm.wa.gov

8. Is this person a citizen of the United States?

Yes, born in the United States

Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas

Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents

Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – *Print year of naturalization.* ↴

No, not a U.S. citizen

HOUSING BENEFITS AND FEE WAIVERS

- » HUD has proposed a rule to disqualify for housing benefits any household with as much as one undocumented individual residing therein
- » According to HUD's own analysis, 108,000 people could be affected by the rule change, including 55,000 children
- » USCIS has proposed a rule to revise the fee waiver application process by eliminating automatic eligibility for those receiving a "means tested" benefit
- » Fee waivers are used to assist individuals with the high fees for adjustments of status, naturalization, etc.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- » File comments with the Federal Register
 - › The deadline for the HUD proposed rule is July 9, 2019.
 - › The deadline for the USCIS proposed rule is July 5, 2019.
 - › DOJ has not yet proposed its rule formally; wait for announcement.
 - › DHS has spent the last six months reviewing the 200,000-plus comments it received in response to its proposed rule on public charge.
- » Coordinate with like groups and submit proposals to the Office of Financial Management to assist with the census count.
- » Volunteer with immigrant advocacy groups.



THANK YOU, AND HAVE A
GREAT DAY!

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