



EAST BAY
SANCTUARY COVENANT
Protect. Advocate. Transform.

What Can I Do to Support Immigrants with EBSC?

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1. Contact politicians and comment on legislation -- Help inform politicians about important issues in your district and demand that they take action. Some legislation is subject to public comment at the federal, state, and local levels. Speaking up reinforces what immigrants have been asking for. In particular, supporting H.R. 6 (American Dream and Promise Act), the Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency (SECURE) Act, and the Dream Act will secure paths to citizenship for immigrants and refugees long denied legal protection in this country. To find your elected officials: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

2. Put on your mask -- Nearly seventy percent of immigrants in the US are essential workers, risking their lives to keep the destructive cogs of capitalism running. The layers of injustice that affect immigrant communities have deepened. Keep our communities safe by staying home, following public health guidance, and wearing your mask.

3. Donate -- During times of economic insecurity, those most economically vulnerable and the organizations that serve these populations are hit hard. If you have the money, consider providing support to advance the work these organizations do or donate your money directly to community mutual aid funds. Click [here](#) to donate to EBSC and please support other grassroots organizations.

4. Volunteer -- Offer your time, skills, and energy. Volunteers are invaluable to under-resourced organizations fighting for immigrant and refugee rights. Click [here](#) to learn more about volunteering at EBSC or email: volunteer@eastbaysanctuary.org.

5. Listen and Learn -- Discover the stories and policies that intersect with the lives of immigrants and refugees in your local communities. A good place to start is on our [Amplifying Sanctuary Voices](#) (ASV) web page. You may also wish to follow EBSC and ASV on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#). Amplifying Sanctuary Voices (ASV) collects and shares oral histories of people who have come to the U.S. seeking safety from persecution in their country of origin. To contact ASV or arrange an event for your school or faith community, please email sanctuaryvoices@eastbaysanctuary.org.

6. Work with local K-14 schools -- Young migrants and the children of migrants often struggle within the broken, U.S. public education system. Support academic, creative, and social programs in your local school district that lift up migrant students and families.

7. Host or foster an asylum-seeker -- Temporary shelter is incredibly important in the process of adjusting to living in America. Create a supportive, physical safe space for people as they begin to rebuild their lives.

8. Take space -- When in spaces where immigrants and refugees might not be directly present, use your power and privilege to build opportunities for information, stories, and experiences to be shared.

9. Have the difficult conversations -- Hear the other people in the room and their ideas, even and especially when they differ from your own. Correct factual inaccuracies, advocate for immigrant rights, and build bridges.

10. Make space -- Step back. Allow the stories that are not your own to come to the forefront of the conversation. Focus your energy on amplifying the voices that seek sanctuary, rather than centering your own voice and speaking for migrants. They have their own stories to tell.