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We envision a world where the fundamental right to move is respected and appreciated by all. Our view is that all human beings are entitled to respect, documents, and a process through which to move, settle, and resettle in the world.



Quarterly Newsletter | October 2021

New Office, Civil Disobedience, Afghanistan, and More!

We Moved to a Bright New Office!



We are excited to share that we moved to a wonderful new 10-office suite with lots of sunlight and that can comfortably accommodate the needs of our growing team! But we still need to furnish most of it!

If you know of any companies or other nonprofits in anywhere in the Bay Area that are looking to give away their furniture, we are eager to connect and can arrange for pick up!

We Shut Down the Golden Gate Bridge to Demand Citizenship for All!



Image from SF Chronicle at the car protest shutting down the Golden Gate Bridge, Sept. 2021

Check out the coverage by [The Washington Post](#), [SF Chronicle](#), [LA Times](#), [The Hill](#), [USA Today](#), [Fox News](#), [Kron4](#), [NBC Bay Area](#), [KTVU](#), [CBS](#), [Marin Independent Journal](#), [Independent](#), [Press Democrat](#), [SFist](#), [APNews](#), [ABC7](#), [Sacramento Bee](#), [Yahoo News](#), [Telemundo 48](#), [Mlienio](#), and [Univision](#).

California Highway Patrol (CHP) in classic-aggressive CHP fashion impounded five of our cars and arrested several activists, but everyone was ultimately safe, including our staff participants.

Our car protest to shut down the bridge not only inspired other immigrant rights groups to organize a series of actions in the weeks that followed, it also shifted the narrative by calling for the Senate parliamentarian to be overruled and for permanent protection for all.

Ricardo, the last person detained in ICE custody at Yuba County Jail in Northern California, is FREE!



On behalf of the FreeTheYuba11 Campaign Coalition, we are overjoyed to share the news that Ricardo, the last person detained in ICE Custody at the Yuba County Jail, is finally **FREE!** For more than a year, the FreeTheYuba11 Campaign has fought to empty Yuba of the last individuals held there. Pangea has been working consistently with our allies for years to **close all immigration jails in California**, and we are

close to closing one more! Ricardo's win is a huge step in that direction!

We are grateful that Ricardo will now be able to receive the medical attention he desperately needs after being incarcerated at Yuba for over 3 years. Ricardo is reunited with his mother, 18-year-old son, sister, extended family and community. If you have the financial capacity, please donate directly to Ricardo and his family:

Venmo: @lauramaduarte Please indicate donation is "For Ricardo"

Zelle: 415-374-1697

We are beyond grateful for the sustained support to liberate and support our community members!

Faith leaders and community advocates will be hosting Día de Los Muertos vigils across California in the following days to bring light to the lives lost in detention centers and to demand the shutdown of these facilities. We would love your support as we gather in community and demand the end of immigrant detention in California.

Join us at **Dolores Park in San Francisco on Saturday October 30, at 11:00 AM** to **#ShutYubaDown** and celebrate Ricardo's release with us!

Cutting Edge Litigation Strategies Stop Deportations!



Gloria's* story highlights the incredible challenges asylum seekers face navigating a bureaucratic system without adequate legal representation. Gloria was previously represented by a private attorney at a different office, and appeared at her immigration court hearing less than 15 minutes late due to circumstances beyond her control. The immigration judge, who was still on the bench when Gloria walked into the courtroom, decided she was too late and issued a deportation order. Her attorney then failed to file a correct appeal.

Pangea intervened in Gloria's case at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and successfully obtained a new and cutting-edge remedy, judicial closure, helping to stop her deportation while she awaits a motion to reopen her asylum case in immigration court!

*Name has been changed

Update: Willian is FREE!



Remember our client, William, a young father from El Salvador from our last newsletter? He is finally free after being held by ICE for over three years. Pangea intervened this past summer to stop his imminent deportation, and our partners at the San Francisco Public Defenders office just won a bond hearing for him this past week. [Read more about William here!](#)

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Afghan Humanitarian Parole Update



Project Anar

What is Pangea doing to support our Afghan community?

Starting in mid-August, Pangea worked with Afghan community organizers to create a legal service collaborative called [Project ANAR](#) (Afghan Network for Advocacy and Resources) that is now coordinating the following:

- 9,000+ Afghans who are seeking humanitarian parole to the U.S.
- 1,100+ legal volunteers
- 600+ volunteer sponsors
- 40 volunteer translators
- 25 rotational administrative volunteers
- 6 core volunteer coordinators

Who is leading Project ANAR?

Project ANAR is a coalition of predominantly Afghan organizers and BIPOC and/or queer lawyers, including Pangea staff, whose legal service and advocacy work is fiscally sponsored by [Pangea Legal Services](#).

Do we need more money for humanitarian parole applications?

Thanks to an incredible outpouring of support from people like you, we raised over \$380,000!!! This money was used exclusively for the filing fees (\$575 each) and postage of humanitarian parole applications. As of this week, all funds have been used. We need another \$380,000 and we need it really soon so we can continue to file the hundreds of other applications that are on hold. [Please continue to donate!](#)

What is Pangea doing to hold our government accountable?

Throughout the United States,

[more than 30,000 humanitarian parole applications](#) are anticipated to be filed by non-profit organizations in order to assist vulnerable Afghans in obtaining refuge from danger. Despite these efforts, reports have emerged that United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has not granted any Humanitarian Parole applications since August 31, 2021 for anyone who remains in Afghanistan.

As part of ANAR, [we published an advocacy letter](#) addressed to Congress demanding transparency, accountability, and grants of humanitarian parole applications. This **call to action** was collectively supported by 120 organizations across the country. Check out the press coverage [here](#) and [here](#).

How can I get involved?

We need all the help we can get!

- [Become a legal volunteer](#)
- [Volunteer to be a financial sponsor](#)
- [Volunteer to translate](#)

Check out more [resources](#) and ways to get involved on [ANAR's website](#)

Donate to Project ANAR & support Humanitarian Parole Applications

Here's to Solidarity, The Pangea Family

Bianca, Celine, Dalia, Esperanza, Eunice, Gladys, Jehan, Luis Angel, Marie, Mariel, Nilou, Pete, Roxana, Sean, Vanessa, and Ximena



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