

## MEDIA RELEASE

### VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

### When Immigration Hits a Wall: Life in the Borderlands

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It's a hot topic in Washington, D. C, and here in Arizona along the border. The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson tackles the local perspective in a public program entitled, "When Immigration Hits a Wall; Life in the Borderlands". The program will be held on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the program from 10 a.m. until Noon.**

**It will be held in the lower level meeting room at the Joel D. Valdez Pima County Public Library, 101 North Stone.** Free parking is available in the library underground parking garage. Enter the garage off Alameda just west of Stone.

The program will feature three Tucsonans who will discuss the local perspective to immigration from the legal viewpoint to the stories of lives of uncertainty.

Our featured speakers include:

- Mo Goldman, Tucson immigration attorney, who will speak to how we got to this point in immigration, how it is being handled now as opposed to 2012-2016, and what to expect going forward.
- Lorena Verdugo, Community Health Adviser/Community Health Coordinator for El Rio Health Center and Coordinator of Ventanilla de Salud in the Mexican Consulate. From her vantage point in health care services, Lorena will bring the stories of immigrants finding their way locally and how that affects them and our community.
- Alejandro Ursua is a U of A graduate and a DACA status recipient. Alex currently works as a Registered Client Associate for Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. He'll tell his personal story: how he succeeded under DACA and now how legislative uncertainty impacts his and his family's life.

This Voter Education meeting is one of six the League hosts each year to help Tucsonans learn about important issues. The meeting is open to the general public.

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