



Diocese of San Bernardino
OFFICE OF SOCIAL CONCERNS
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Re: RAP Immigration & Mental Health Services TODEC Legal Center– Letter of Support

On behalf of the Diocese of San Bernardino, please accept this letter of support to TODEC Legal Center.

To successfully carry out our diocesan vision of filling lives with hope, the Diocese of San Bernardino will stay focused on those areas of greatest concern to us: youth, evangelization, unity in diversity, stewardship of resources, leadership, and organizational structures; thus our church will be light and leaven to our families, our neighborhoods, our society.

One in five residents in the Inland Empire is an immigrant. Migration has been a central feature of the region for centuries, and there are now nearly 1 million immigrants living in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. As in decades past, the region's economic strength and cultural vitality depends on the contributions of immigrants and native born alike. The Diocese of San Bernardino provides its highest recommendation to TODEC Legal Center, for its work that is focused on channeling immigrants' fears and uncertainties into action and participation by offering a safe space in which all immigrants can organize, receive accurate information about their rights, obtain high-quality, no-cost or low-cost legal services, and learn how to tell their stories. We will continue to partner with TODEC Legal Center as they are a trusted source for all of our parishes in the region.

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