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Dallas County Stronger Communities Coalitions Announces First Actions to Assist Undocumented North Texas Residents

Dallas – The Dallas County Stronger Communities Coalition met for the first time today to begin addressing new guidelines and procedures for the estimated 400,000 residents eligible for deferred action in North Texas in the coming months. Judge Jenkins joins elected officials from Dallas County and the City of Dallas, as well as numerous community and advocacy organizations, to streamline the enrollment process and maximize outreach.

“Our society will benefit from allowing people who have been living in our communities without legal status the opportunity to come forward and apply for legal status that will enable more of them to work, to pay taxes, and to contribute in many more ways to our country,” Jenkins said. “The President’s executive order is an important first step to meaningful immigration reform.”

The Coalition is already addressing safeguards for immigrants from fraudulent services, engaging constituents to reach all eligible applicants, and ensuring efficient and affordable delivery of services to maximize enrollment.

Additional information about deferred action impacting North Texas residents can be found at www.uscis.gov/immigrationaction.

Members of the Dallas County Stronger Communities Coalition include:

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LULAC
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