

Student Immigration Relief Clinic at Berkeley: February 2018 Update

Throughout the month of January and February, the Student Immigration Relief Clinic at Berkeley was focused on mobilization in anticipation of the new semester. The primary focus for the organization was planning the remainder of the immigration workshops and clinics. The remainder of the clinics, catered to a smaller and more intimate client group, were slotted for: (1) February 10, 2018, and (2) March 10, 2018. The remainder of the immigration workshops, catered to addressing the needs of hundreds of low-income clients, are slotted for: (1) April 21, 2018, and (2) April 28, 2018.

On February 10, 2018, a group of five volunteers drove from the UC Berkeley campus to Asian Law Alliance's office in San Jose, California. The group of volunteers arrived early, received a refresher training in completing immigration documentation from the lead attorney before pairing off and working off with different low-income clients. In total, 11 clients completed their immigration documentation at this particular event, two of which were completed by the group of volunteers from Berkeley. At the conclusion of the event, the volunteers ate pizza and boba-tea before returning to Berkeley. There will be one more immigration clinic in March, before the team transitions to workshops that accommodate hundreds of clients.

The other focus of the immigration clinic is figuring out different avenues for advertisement. At this point in time, the organization will focus on T-shirts and stickers which we will produce and distribute before the end of the semester.