

Voces de la Frontera: Immigrant essential workers and families celebrate Father's Day; embark on historic 9-day march to demand citizenship for all

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(Milwaukee, WI) – Join Voces de la Frontera for a [virtual press conference](#) tomorrow, **Thursday, June 17 at 11:30am CST** ahead of our historic nine-day march from Milwaukee to Madison led by Wisconsin immigrant essential workers, and part of a larger national immigrant rights campaign. Members of Voces de la Frontera's Immigrant Essential Worker Network will speak about the necessity of creating a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrant essential workers and families who have been at the frontlines during this pandemic. They will be joined by rural and urban allies: **Milwaukee Alderman Jose Perez; Michael Slattery, farmer from Manitowoc County and member of the Wisconsin IFarmers Union; and Richard Nwabuzor from Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH).**

The 9-day, 90+ mile march starts this Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th at 10:00 am CST outside of the Voces Milwaukee office, 5th and Washington, and includes a community celebration honoring immigrant fathers and lifting up the voices of children of immigrant essential workers. There will be food, music, dance, as well as a community vaccine clinic open to the public.

Tomorrow's [virtual press conference](#) at 11:00 am CST will provide details of the nine-day march, which will culminate in a massive statewide demonstration and march to the Wisconsin State Capitol Building in Madison, happening on Monday,

June 28th. Over 1,000 people from across the state are expected to attend.

Eduardo Perea Hernandez, son of essential workers in Milwaukee, said, “My parents have worked hard for 30 years to provide for me and my three siblings. Congress passing citizenship for all would mean that my family would feel safe, and allow my parents to gain access to healthcare, earn dignified wages and the ability to retire eventually. Their sacrifices have allowed my older sister and I to graduate from college, and also allowed me to earn a master’s degree. My family, and the 11 million immigrants who are undocumented, deserve to live with peace, tranquility and dignity. We need President Biden and Congress to pass citizenship for all now.”

What: Virtual Press Conference ahead of historic 9-day march from Milwaukee to Madison to demand citizenship for all undocumented essential workers and their families.

When: Thursday, June 17 2021 at 11:30 am CST.

Where: The virtual press conference will be over zoom. **Registration is required, register [here](#).** There will be time for Q&A. The press conference will also be broadcast via Facebook Live. Tune in at [facebook.com/VocesdeLaFronteraWI](https://www.facebook.com/VocesdeLaFronteraWI).

Why: This month, immigrant rights organizations from throughout the country are calling on the Biden administration and Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrant essential workers and families in this country. Congress is currently negotiating an infrastructure bill that they intend to vote on later this year, and Voces de la Frontera and allies are demanding that President Biden and Democrats in Congress reflect this Father’s Day and act to include citizenship for all in this bill.

Interview opportunities:

Milwaukee Alderman Jose Perez - District 12

Michael Slattery, Manitowoc County farmer and member of the Wisconsin Farmers Union

Richard Nwabuzor, Health Organizer from Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope

Eduardo Perea Hernandez, son of immigrant essential worker in construction in

Milwaukee

Hiram Rabadan, essential immigrant business owner and father from Fond du Lac

Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera

This is a virtual press conference via Zoom. Webinar meeting ID: 868 6581 6873

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