



# PROMOTING STABILITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND SECURING THE FUTURE OF TPS, DED AND DACA BENEFICIARIES

**CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING**  
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## PANELISTS



**Daniella Burgi-Palomino**  
**Senior Associate**  
**Latin America Working Group**

Daniella covers issues related to Mexico, migrant rights, and border issues. Prior to joining LAWG she worked for six years on the protection of migrant rights in the U.S.-Mexico-Central America corridor with a variety of civil society organizations and foundations. She was the first coordinator of the Central America and Mexico Alliance (CAMMINA), a Fulbright García Robles Fellow in Mexico from 2010-2011, and a program associate at Oxfam America. Daniella has completed research contributing to organizational advocacy strategies on issues such as transitional justice, migrant rights, gender, and internal displacement. She holds a BA from Tufts University in International Relations and History with a focus in Latin American studies and a Master's in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy where she focused on human security and migration. Daniella is originally from New York and has Swiss-German and Peruvian family.



**David Campos**  
**Event Moderator**  
**Former City Supervisor, District 9**  
**San Francisco, CA**

David Campos is a native of Guatemala who was brought to this country as an undocumented child. David is currently Deputy County Executive for the County of Santa Clara, where his responsibilities include overseeing the County's implementation of the 2016 \$950 million Measure A Housing Bond, the Office of Countywide Contract Management, the Office of Women's Policy, the Office of Immigrant Relations, the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Office of Cultural Competency, Sanitation District 2-3, and serving as the County's policy point person on litigation against the Trump Administration. In addition to his government work, David is presently Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party. Prior to his work with the County, David was an elected member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, where he represented District 9, which includes the neighborhood of the Mission, Bernal Heights, the Portola, and St. Mary's Park. David also served as Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and represented the City and County of San Francisco on the Municipal Transportation Commission and the Board of Directors for the Golden Gate Bridge and Transportation District. David was also as a San Francisco Police Commissioner and General Counsel for the San Francisco Unified School District. David received a Juris Doctor Degree for Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (in Political Science) from Stanford University.



**Julia Gelatt**  
**Senior Policy Analyst**  
**Migration Policy Institute**

Julia Gelatt is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Migration Policy Institute, working with the U.S. Immigration Policy Program. Her work focuses on the legal immigration system, demographic trends, and the implications of local, state, and federal U.S. immigration policy. Dr. Gelatt previously worked as a Research Associate at the Urban Institute, where her mixed-methods research focused on state

policies toward immigrants and barriers to and facilitators of immigrant families' access to public benefits. She was a Research Assistant at MPI before graduate school. Dr. Gelatt earned her PhD in sociology, with a specialization in demography, from Princeton University. She earned a bachelor of the arts in sociology/anthropology from Carleton College.



**Albert Saint Jean**  
**Organizer**  
**Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)**

Albert Saint Jean is BAJI's New York City Organizer. Having been reared by a community oriented, politically aware Haitian-American family, developed a passion for social justice and black awareness. This worldview is compounded by his exposure to diverse black communities in New Jersey, Florida, and New York. Albert's Pan-African perspective led him to pursue a bachelor's in Political Science with a focus on International Affairs from the University of Central Florida. Albert further prepared himself to serve his community by getting his Masters in Urban Policy from the New School, with a focus on community development. During that time he worked on community development projects in black and brown communities such as West Harlem and Orange, New Jersey.



**Suyapa Edith Ucles Salinas**  
**General Program Manager**  
**Mennonite Social Action Commission (CASM)**

Suyapa Edith Ucles Salinas, born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Social Work, with experience working in social development and promotion of human rights, especially children's and women's rights. Her professional experience dates to the 1990s, when she served as on the team of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Honduras (CODEH). For the past twenty years she has worked with the Mennonite Social Action Commission (CASM), currently serving as General Program Manager, where she is responsible for setting strategic guidance and carrying out programs, with a focus on the Support Program for Returned Migrants. That program, launched in 2014, to respond to the large increase in child migration, currently provides humanitarian assistance, vocational training, psycho-social support, and support for employability and income generation for young people. The program also seeks to raise awareness of the challenges facing Honduran migrants and to influence public policy to ensure the protection of their rights.



**Arianna Velasco**  
**U.S. Citizen Child of TPS Beneficiary Parents**

Arianna Velasco was born in San Francisco, California to two Salvadoran Parents. She is the eldest of three children with a younger sister entering high school and a younger brother beginning first grade. Arianna is currently a sophomore at UC Berkeley where she is pursuing a degree in Political Science with plans to enter Law School. She is very active in school where she has done undergraduate research on World War two refugees. Having a passion for languages since her youth, she also founded her own club at Berkeley known as the Linguaphile Student Association as a freshman. She wanted to create a group where students from different backgrounds could come together and share their language and culture. She also balances a marketing internship with a Berkeley Tech Startup. She hopes that all these experiences will help her on her journey to become an immigration attorney, to help families such as her own and become a voice of change in the political stage.