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Northern California Immigration Attorneys Urge President-elect Trump to Turn Away from Negative Rhetoric and Move Forward on Immigration Reform

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA – The Northern California Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA NorCal) called on President-elect Trump to turn away from negative rhetoric and instead work with Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle to move forward on immigration reform.

Speaking for the Association, Olivia Lee, AILA NorCal Chapter Chair, said “For far too long, American families and businesses have limped along with our antiquated immigration laws,” Lee said. She continued, “In California we’ve seen families torn apart, people living in fear, businesses unable to fill workforce needs, and communities where trust in law enforcement has faded. It is past time for an overhaul of immigration laws and policies put in place more than a generation ago; updating our immigration system will benefit all Californians.

“AILA NorCal urges Senator Dianne Feinstein and incoming Senator Kamala Harris, and our Representatives in Washington, DC, to work on comprehensive immigration reform. Immigrants are already contributing to our communities but with changes to the law we can easily increase our shared prosperity. Thus far our nation has failed to find a workable solution to the problems faced by immigrants, businesses, employers, and state and local governments. With the end to this election cycle, we encourage bipartisan efforts toward real change that helps everyone” said Lee.

Several Northern California immigration advocacy organizations will meet to discuss plans for outreach efforts in the coming days and weeks. If you would like to stay informed of these efforts, please email chair@ailanorcal.com.

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