

## Summer Newsletter: Continuing to Fight



**Los Angeles  
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## **Summer 2021 Newsletter**

Dear LACLJ Supporter,

Many of the survivors we serve are clients with us for several years. Immigrant survivors deal with long waiting lists for their visas and changing immigration policies that may affect their status. Domestic violence survivors often struggle with long battles for custody or delaying tactics by the opposing party.

Thanks to your support, survivors don't have to worry about losing legal representation when a case takes years or feeling lost when laws change. Their LACLJ legal team is by their side doing everything it takes to ensure survivors have access to justice.

Read this summer's newsletter and learn more about how we are continuing to fight for justice and safety.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norayma Cabot', with a stylized, flowing script.

Norayma Cabot  
Executive Director

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## LAYLA'S LONG FIGHT FOR HER DAUGHTER

Layla\*, a mother and survivor of domestic violence, has been an LACLJ client since 2017. She came to us frustrated, having spent all her savings on a private attorney with few results.

Layla's ex was able to use the legal system to continue to harass her. He was uncooperative, dragged out the process and appealed the court's ruling on their divorce. The endless court appearances were costly, time consuming, and interfered with her work. Meanwhile Layla's ex maintained joint custody of their daughter and continued to be emotionally abusive and aggressive towards the child.

Recently, Layla was finally able to have her voice heard in a two day custody trial. LACLJ represented her and advocated for her to have sole custody so she could keep her daughter safe. The court ruled in her favor reducing her ex's visitation to two days a week and granting her sole legal decision-making power for her daughter.

After so many years of fighting and advocating for her family, Layla is relieved and excited to spend more time with her daughter and provide her with a safe and supportive environment.

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## YEISON'S RADIO GUEST FEATURE

Earlier this month, LACLJ Immigration Attorney, Yeison Soto Valdez, was a guest on Alianza Podcasts to talk about U Visas.

This episode is a part of the series "Alianza contra la violencia domestica" and features information for survivors on safety and immigration relief. We want to ensure the survivors who need our services know where they can turn to for support.

Thank you Yeison for spreading the word about LACLJ's services and informing the community about their rights and resources.

[Listen to the Episode \(Spanish\)](#)

## LACLJ WINS THIRD PLACE IN LA2050 GRANTS CHALLENGE



Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the My LA2050 Grants Challenge! We are grateful to have received votes from the community to help connect low-income immigrant survivors to free legal representation and access to the justice system.

Thanks to your votes, LACLJ was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Goldhirsh Foundation. This funding will help us serve low-income survivors, ensuring they have access to an advocate who will be by their side protecting their rights and safety.

Thank you to everyone who voted, posted on social media, sent emails and made calls to get out the vote!

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