



Galveston-Houston Immigrant
Representation Project

Statement regarding the lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton against Harris County Commissioners Court

Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project (GHIRP)

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On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, the Texas AG's office sued Harris County to shut down the Immigrant Legal Services Fund (ILSF). ILSF is a valuable county program that supports representation for immigrants who are Harris County residents and cannot afford a private attorney.

Since 2022, GHIRP has represented detained clients with ILSF funding, successfully preventing unnecessary family separation and minimizing length of detention for individuals in ICE custody. Our representation ensures that immigrants facing deportation have meaningful access to due process. We have represented long-time residents, workers, and parents of U.S. citizen children, ensuring their rights are protected and families remain united. We have successfully advocated for individuals with claims to U.S. citizenship, survivors of violent crimes, and established community members with authorization to live and work in Harris County.

For immigrants fighting their deportation, having an attorney could mean the difference between being able to stay in the country and being torn from their family, community, and the life they have built here. Deportations don't just tear families apart; they destabilize our local economy. This leads to lost wages, foreclosed homes, and shuttered small businesses.

It is deeply concerning that the state is attempting to undermine the ability of local governments to support programs that uphold fairness, safety, and the rule of law. Attacks on organizations like GHIRP not only fail to advance justice, but they also put children at risk, increase family separation, contribute to court backlogs, and erode the very principles our legal system is built upon.

We remain committed to our mission of providing high-quality, comprehensive legal representation and protecting the rights and dignity of immigrants who call the Galveston-Houston area home.

[GHIRP's mission is to build a resilient, diverse community by providing comprehensive representation and holistic legal services to immigrants in need.](#)

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