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## National Agenda for Black Girls

*A Project of Girls for Gender Equity*

### Presidential Candidate Questionnaire

#### **ABOUT GIRLS FOR GENDER EQUITY**

Girls for Gender Equity (GGE) is an intergenerational organization committed to the physical, psychological, social and economic development of girls and women, particularly cisgender and transgender girls and gender non-conforming/non-binary (GNC/NB) youth of color. Through direct service, policy & organizing, and culture change, GGE encourages communities to remove systemic barriers and create opportunities for girls and women to live self-determined lives. GGE works to create the conditions for cis and trans girls and young women and GNC/NB youth of color to lead strategies to solve the injustices they face. We ultimately believe in and work toward a world where they are free.

#### **ABOUT A NATIONAL AGENDA FOR BLACK GIRLS**

As we approach the 2020 election, GGE is centering the needs of cis and trans Black girls and GNC Black youth. A National Agenda for Black Girls is a collaborative project engaging organizations across the United States who are committed to the well-being of Black girls.

Black girls, like all communities, are not a monolith. We recognize and center the full spectrum of gender identity of Black young people, including cis and trans Black girls, and all young people who have experienced Black girlhood. We recognize in doing gender and racial justice work that by bringing Black girls and Black young people along the gender spectrum from margin to center, we are actively working to liberate and uplift all experiences of Black girlhood and femmehood, acknowledging that language is constantly evolving.

GGE has convened a national steering committee of youth activists from partner organizations across the country collaboratively developed the list of questions outlined below and align with the six national policy priorities that speak to their needs.

The six national policy priorities are the following:

- ❖ Passing a national Black Girl Bill of Rights
- ❖ Expanding education justice and opportunity, specifically ending school pushout
- ❖ Expanding democracy for young people
- ❖ Healing, well-being and reproductive justice
- ❖ Ending sexual and gender-based violence and building cultures of consent
- ❖ Immigrant and racial justice

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete answers to all questions (250-word limit per question) by the close of business on Friday, February 28, 2020. Your responses to the questions below are considered on the record and will be made available on our website. After your completion of the presidential questionnaire, we will offer the opportunity to engage each presidential candidate in a Twitter digital townhall where you will have the opportunity to speak to the policy platforms uplifted in this project.

### 1. How will you and your campaign engage with and prioritize the needs of cisgender (cis) and transgender (trans) Black girls and gender nonconforming (GNC) Black youth?

As President, I will provide the moral leadership to champion equal rights for all LGBTQ+ people, ensure our laws and institutions protect and enforce their rights by passing the EQUALITY Act, and advance LGBTQ+ equality globally.

I know how important it is for young LGBTQ+ people to feel safe, supported, and valued at home and in school. The Obama-Biden Administration made it a priority to change the culture from one of fear and rejection to one where young LGBTQ+ individuals feel safe, affirmed, accepted, and loved. As private citizens, Jill and I continued this work through the Biden Foundation's "[As You Are](#)" campaign. As President, I will continue to fight for policies that support and protect LGBTQ+ youth, including ensuring they are safe and supported in our schools. I will end school discipline policies that disproportionately impact LGBTQ+ students and expand the Obama-Biden Administration's work to address the disproportionate impact of school discipline on [girls of color](#) to include LGBTQ+ students.

My administration will also combat the epidemic of violence against transgender women of color by making prosecuting their murderers a priority. Recognizing that employment and housing discrimination lead to increased risk of homelessness and violence, I will also work to pass the Equality Act to reduce economic barriers and social stigma and the [LGBTQ Essential Data Act](#) to help collect a wide variety of critical data about anti-trans violence and the factors that drive it.

You can read more about my plan to advance LGBTQ+ equality at <https://joebiden.com/LGBTQ/>.

**2. Do you support the Black Girl Bill of Rights? If so, how will your administration seek to ensure these rights for Black girls?**

Yes. My answers to the questions below discuss how my administration will deliver on the Black Girl Bill of Rights. Broadly, I will be unflinching in confronting the systemic racism that is built into our laws, our policies, and our institutions and will take aggressive action to correct them—ripping out the inequities in housing, health care, education, the economy, our criminal justice system, and so many other areas. Rooting out systemic racism and ensuring that everyone is treated with dignity and has equal opportunity is built into all of my domestic policies.

**3. Black girls are more likely to attend schools that are poorly funded or funded at inequitable rates; how will your administration work to ensure Black girls have all of the resources they need to learn?**

My administration will invest in our schools to eliminate the funding gap between white and non-white districts, and rich and poor districts. There's an estimated \$23 billion annual funding gap between white and non-white school districts today, and gaps persist between high- and low-income districts as well. I will work to close this gap by nearly tripling Title I funding, which goes to schools serving a high number of children from low-income families. This new funding will first be used to ensure teachers at Title I schools are paid competitively, three- and four-year olds have access to pre-school, and districts provide access to rigorous coursework across all their schools, not just a few. Once these conditions are met, districts will have the flexibility to use these funds to meet other local priorities. States without a sufficient and equitable finance system will be required to match a share of federal funds.

We will also build the best, most innovative schools in the country in low-income communities and communities of color. Preparing our students for the workforce increasingly entails not only rigorous academics, but also problem-solving, collaboration, and technical skills. I will create a new competitive program challenging local communities to reinvent high school to meet these changing demands of work. This funding will be targeted first toward building the best schools in the country in low-income communities and communities of color.

I will provide two years of community college or other high-quality training program without debt for any hard-working individual looking to learn and improve their skills. I will also make four-year public colleges and universities tuition-free for all students whose family incomes are below \$125,000. And, I will double the maximum value of Pell grants and more than halve payments on undergraduate federal student loans so individuals will pay 5% of their discretionary income (income minus taxes and essential spending like housing and food) over \$25,000 towards their loans. Individuals making \$25,000 or less per year will not owe any payments on their undergraduate federal student loans and also won't accrue any interest on those loans. I will make loan forgiveness work for public servants by creating a new, simple program that offers \$10,000 of undergraduate or graduate student debt relief for every year of national or community service, up to five years, and by fixing the existing Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

We know that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are severely under-resourced, especially when compared to other colleges and universities. As President, I will take steps to rectify the funding disparities faced by HBCUs, Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and MSIs so that the United States can benefit from their unique strengths. Students at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs will benefit from my proposals to double Pell grants, slash the income-based repayment of loans to 5% of income, and provide free tuition for students at all

community colleges, including those that are MSIs. In addition, I will invest over \$70 billion in these colleges and universities to:

- Make HBCUs, TCUs, and under-resourced MSIs more affordable for their students.
- Invest in the diverse talent at HBCUs, TCUs and MSIs to solve the country's most pressing problems by investing \$10 billion to create at least 200 new centers of excellence that serve as research incubators and connect students underrepresented in fields critical to our nation's future – including fields tackling climate change, globalization, inequality, health disparities, and cancer – to learning and career opportunities.
- Build the high tech labs and facilities and digital infrastructure needed for learning, research, and innovation at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs.
- Provide support to continuously improve the value of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs by investing \$10 billion in programs that increase enrollment, retention, completion, and employment rates.
- Expand career pathways for graduates of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in areas that meet national priorities, including building a diverse pipeline of public school teachers.
- Triple and make permanent the capacity-building and student support for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in Title III and Title V of the Higher Education Act.
- Reduce disparities in funding for HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs.

For more information on my education plans, visit <https://joebiden.com/education/> and <https://joebiden.com/beyondhs>.

#### **4. Blacks girls experience disproportionate rates of school exclusion, school-based arrests, and surveillance. How will you enhance and protect the civil rights of Black girls in school?**

In 2014, the Obama-Biden Administration's Department of Education and Department of Justice released a [guidance package](#) to advise schools on how to create and develop healthy and positive school climates. In 2015, our administration released a [report](#) entitled *Addressing the Root Causes of Disparities in School Discipline: An Educator's Action Planning Guide*. Our Department of Education also launched the #RethinkDiscipline public awareness campaign to improve transparency and data collection on school discipline policies. The Trump Administration rescinded many of our administration's policies that were put in place to try to make sure schools were not disproportionately disciplining students of color. My administration will expand the Obama-Biden Administration's work to address the disproportionate impact of school discipline on girls of color to include LGBTQ+ students, all students of color, and students with disabilities.

Research shows us the substantial and unique impact that teachers of color have on students of color. For example, for black students, having [just one black teacher](#) in elementary school reduces the probability of dropping out. My administration will support more innovative approaches to recruiting teachers of color, including supporting high school students in accessing dual-enrollment classes that give them an edge in teacher preparation programs, helping paraprofessionals work towards their teaching certificate, and working with historically black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions to recruit and prepare teachers.

I will also appoint leaders in the Education Department, and across the rest of the federal government, who share my commitment to tough and effective enforcement of all civil rights laws. Also, I will appoint Supreme Court justices and federal judges who are committed to the rule of law, understand the importance of individual civil rights and civil liberties in a democratic society, and respect foundational

precedents like *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Roe v. Wade*.

## 5. Do you believe police officers belong in schools?

In December 2012, after the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, President Obama asked me to lead a task force to develop recommendations on how to reduce gun violence in our schools. One of the task force's recommendations was to put up to 1,000 school resource officers in our schools. According to the task force report, "school resource officers are specially trained police officers that work in schools." As Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. later said: "School resource officers can be valuable assets in creating a positive school environment and keeping kids safe. But we must ensure that school discipline is being handled by trained educators, not by law enforcement officers."

That's why we need to ensure there are other supports available for students. My administration will double the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals in our schools. The current school psychologist to student ratio in this country is roughly 1,400 to 1, while experts say it should be at most 700 to 1. That's a gap of about 35,000 to 60,000 school psychologists. Teachers too often end up having to fill the gap, taking away from their time focusing on teaching. I will make an unprecedented investment in school mental health professionals in order to double the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals employed in our schools, and partner with colleges to expand the pipeline of these professionals.

## 6. In December 2019, Representative Ayanna Pressley introduced a bill titled, The End School PUSHOUT Act, directly addressing the racial and gender biased experiences Black girls and girls of color are having in school. This bill acknowledges that Black girls deserve schools and learning environments free from racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and all things that prohibit school from being a true protective factor for a young person. How will your administration work towards ending School Pushout, also known as School to Confinement Pathways?

First, I will ensure that our schools are safe, nurturing spaces and promote discipline policies that are fair and keep students in schools, learning. I will restore the Obama-Biden Administration's school-discipline guidance that the Trump Administration rescinded. As described above, I will expand access to professionals who can help students to grow academically, physically and emotionally by expanding the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals in our schools. I will also expand the community schools model, which helps families to navigate various family needs like after-school care, health and social services, and adult education courses. I also will expand the federal investment in programs that create safe, nurturing spaces for children to spend time when not in school by expanding funding for after-school programs, community centers, and summer jobs to keep young people active, busy, learning, and having fun.

I also have a comprehensive plan to reform our criminal justice system that focuses on prevention. I will invest \$1 billion per year in juvenile justice reform. In return for taking these funds, states have to fulfill requirements such as prohibiting children from being incarcerated in facilities where they will interact with incarcerated adults and addressing the disproportionate representation of children of color in the juvenile justice system. Thousands of minors interact with our justice system every year merely because they commit an unlawful act that would be legal if they were older, such as truancy, alcohol use, and curfew violations. I will work to eliminate detention as a punishment for status offenses, and instead make sure these young people engage in community service, workforce programs, or

mentorship and therapy as needed. And I will give children a true second chance by protecting juvenile records.

You can read more about my plan to reform our criminal justice system at <https://joebiden.com/justice>.

**7. The United States Department of Education plays a significant role in setting education policy and protecting the civil rights of students all over the country. How will you re-establish the protections afforded to students in school, and ensure that the Office of Civil Rights can enforce the existing protections for young people?**

Four years of Betsy DeVos is more than enough. As President, I'll name a Secretary of Education who is actually an educator.

I support strong funding for the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights and will make sure it has the resources it needs to protect the civil rights of our students. I have a proud history as a fighter for civil rights for all Americans through my entire career and I will continue that fight from the White House, as I did when I was President Obama's Vice President and partner. As stated previously, I will begin by appointing leaders in the Education Department, and across the rest of the federal government, who share my commitment to tough and effective enforcement of all civil rights laws. Also, I will appoint Supreme Court justices and federal judges who are committed to the rule of law, understand the importance of individual civil rights and civil liberties in a democratic society, and respect foundational precedents like *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Roe v. Wade*.

My administration will reinstate the Obama-Biden Administration's actions to diversify our schools. As President, I will reinstate the Department of Education guidance that supported schools in legally pursuing desegregation strategies and recognized institutions of higher education's interests in creating diverse student bodies. And, I will provide grants to school districts to create plans and implement strategies to diversify their schools.

**8. How will your administration work to remove barriers to voting for people of color, women, and young people, particularly those who have not yet reached voting age?**

I will strengthen our democracy by guaranteeing that every American's vote is protected. I will start by restoring the Voting Rights Act and then ensuring the Justice Department challenges state laws suppressing the right to vote. I will support automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and other steps to make exercising one's right to vote easier. I will support an end to gerrymandering and will protect our voting booths and voter rolls from foreign powers that seek to undermine our democracy and interfere in our elections.

**9. How will your administration work to undo the voting barriers that exist for Black people (voter roll purges, new ID laws, felony disenfranchisement, etc.)?**

I strongly support restoring the Voting Rights Act protections that were ripped out by a Supreme Court decision that falsely proclaimed that racial gerrymandering and racist voter suppression efforts were a historical artifact, not a fact of everyday life for voters of color across the United States. I have vigorously supported the Voting Rights Act throughout my career, playing a key role in securing multiple 25-year extensions of the Act during my time on the Senate Judiciary Committee. We need this civil rights law today as much as we needed it in the civil rights era. Last year, 24 states introduced or enacted at least 70 bills to curtail the right to vote. It's just as un-American now as it was during Jim

Crow. I will push Congress to restore and reauthorize the Voting Rights Act and I will direct my Justice Department to use every tool at its disposal to protect the franchise of voters of color in every state.

I will support automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and other steps to make exercising one's right to vote easier. I will support an end to gerrymandering and will protect our voting booths and voter rolls from foreign powers that seek to undermine our democracy and interfere in our elections. And, I will incentivize states to automatically restore voting rights for individuals convicted of felonies once they have served their sentences.

**10. There are growing state-level attacks on reproductive rights, including potential challenges to *Roe v. Wade*. What will you do to protect reproductive rights?**

I will reverse the Trump Administration and states' all-out assault on women's right to choose, expanding access to contraception and protect the constitutional right to an abortion. As President, I will work to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and my Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that violate the constitutional right to an abortion, such as TRAP laws, parental notification requirements, mandatory waiting periods, and ultrasound requirements.

The Affordable Care Act ensured access to free preventive care, including contraception. The Biden Plan will build on that. I support repealing the Hyde Amendment, because health care is a right that should not be dependent on one's zip code or income. My public option will cover contraception and a woman's constitutional right to choose.

I will restore funding for Planned Parenthood. I will reissue guidance that states cannot refuse Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood and other providers that refer for abortions or provide related information and reverse the Trump Administration's rule preventing Planned Parenthood and other family planning programs from obtaining Title X funds.

My administration will reduce our unacceptably high maternal mortality rate, which especially impacts people of color. Compared to other developed nations, the U.S. has the highest rate of deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth. This problem is especially prevalent among black women, who experience a death rate from complications related to pregnancy that is more than three times higher than the rate for non-Hispanic white women. California came up with a strategy that halved the state's maternal death rate. My administration will take this strategy nationwide.

**11. Many Black girls attend schools in states that do not offer comprehensive sexual health education, which is an important tool for preventing sexual violence and developing the overall health and wellness of young people. What will your administration do to ensure federal funding for sexual health education?**

My administration will expand prevention and services to public K-12 schools. I will push for legislation, regulatory action, and appropriations so that K-12 public schools provide annual, age-appropriate education on healthy relationships and affirmative consent beginning in elementary school through graduation, and create funding opportunities for after-school programs and youth-serving groups to implement prevention education programs. I will also work to create new funding for public K-12 schools to implement Title IX trainings for administrators and staff. And, my administration will make it easier for teens experiencing dating violence and sexual assault to access accommodations, services, and protective measures.

**12. Studies have shown that Black women, even when we control for education and income, face higher rates of postpartum mortality, in part due to racism in healthcare. What will your administration do to address this issue?**

Rooting out systemic racism and ensuring that everyone is treated with dignity and has equal opportunity is built into all of my domestic policies, including health care. I believe every American should have access to affordable and quality health care. Three million uninsured, non-elderly Black Americans gained coverage under Obamacare by the time President Obama and I left office. I will give Americans a new choice to purchase a public health insurance option like Medicare. I will automatically enroll individuals in the public option, without a premium, who would be eligible for Medicaid but for their state's unwillingness to take up the Obamacare Medicaid expansion.

I will reduce our nation's unacceptably high maternal mortality rate, which disproportionately affects black women. Compared to other developed nations, the U.S. has the highest rate of deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth, and we are the only country experiencing an increase in this death rate. This problem is especially prevalent among black women, who experience a death rate from complications related to pregnancy that is more than three times higher than the rate for non-Hispanic white women. California came up with a strategy that halved the state's maternal death rate. As President, I will take this strategy nationwide. My administration will also double America's investment in community health centers. Community health centers provide primary, prenatal, and other important care to underserved populations. My administration will expand access to high quality health care for the populations that need it most.

**13. Since the #MeToo Movement has become a part of the international conversation, many survivors have come forward to say that they've experienced gender-based violence at the hands of their employers, teachers, peers, police, clergy, and more. What will your administration do to prevent sexual violence in communities?**

Women need to feel safe no matter where they are - at home, at school, at work, and in their communities. I have spent my entire career fighting for women's safety, starting in 1990, when I wrote the Violence Against Women Act. At the time, domestic violence was considered a private family matter. I'm proud of what we've done to reduce sexual violence - and as President, I'll double down on those efforts to make sure that women are safe at work.

First, I'll push Congress to pass the BE HEARD Act. This bill takes a comprehensive approach to workplace harassment. It holds all employers accountable. It funds research so we better understand how to stop harassment in the workplace from the get-go. And, it closes loopholes so that all workers - not just some - are protected.

Second, I'll protect domestic workers from harassment and discrimination by passing the National Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, so that these workers - many of whom are women or people of color - are not left behind, and instead are treated with dignity and respect.

Third, I'll end mandatory arbitration clauses imposed by employers on workers - so that workers who experience harassment can have their day in court.

My administration will also educate and empower young people with the knowledge and tools they need to prevent sexual violence and dating violence, with a focus on online harassment and enforcing Title IX protections. We will:

- Expand requirements for comprehensive sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence prevention education on college campuses.
- Expand survivors' reporting rights and options on college campuses.
- Strengthen Title IX and Clery Act enforcement.
- Train college administrators and staff how to support victims of sexual assault or other gender-based violence.
- Expand prevention and services to public K-12 schools. Sexual assault, harassment, and dating violence don't only affect college students.

More details on these proposals can be found at <https://joebiden.com/vawa/>

#### **14. What will your administration do to ensure that federal funding is allocated for survivors of sexual violence?**

One of the highlights of my career as a public servant has been standing with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. I first introduced the Violence Against Women Act in 1990, when domestic violence was considered a family matter and few in Congress wanted to work on the issue. After four years of work, the Act passed in September 1994 with significant bipartisan support. Since 1994, I've led efforts to ensure Congress passed legislation renewing and strengthening the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) three times: in 2000, 2005, and 2013. Each time, the VAWA reauthorization has upped the ante and ensured that especially vulnerable communities – from Native women to LGBTQ individuals – are included in the Act.

As President, I will strengthen social supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, helping victims secure housing, gain economic stability, and recover from the trauma of abuse. Survivors of sexual violence and domestic violence often depend on cash assistance to help build a safe and secure livelihood like the Temporary Aid for Needy Families program. Unfortunately, these programs are insufficient to meet the needs of many survivors. I will allocate \$5 billion to community organizations to provide cash grants to survivors in need, whether the need is to help pay for daycare, transportation to work, or to buy a laptop for a new job.

For more information on my plan to end violence against women, visit <https://joebiden.com/vawa/>

#### **15. What will you do within your administration to ensure that your office is a space of safety and maintains a culture consent?**

My campaign has a strict Safe and Respectful Workplace policy, as well as an Open Door policy. I believe in making sure everyone feels safe and respected in the workplace.

You can view more details of my plan to end violence against women here, which includes ensuring workers can have their day in court by ending mandatory arbitration clauses imposed by employers on workers, including for claims of workplace sexual harassment. 60 million American workers have been forced to sign contracts waiving their right to sue their employer and nearly 25 million are forced to waive their right to bring class action lawsuits and joint arbitration. An estimated 57.6% of female workers are forced to sign forced arbitration clauses. These contracts require employees to use individual, private arbitrations when their employer violates federal and state laws – including workplace discrimination and harassment. Forced arbitration proceedings are conducted in private, often by arbitrators selected by the employer. Even worse, forced individual arbitration clauses bar employees

with similar grievances from joining together, which will strengthen their claims and sometimes enable them to find lawyers who will represent them. I will spearhead legislation to completely eliminate mandatory individual arbitration for harassment and discrimination cases, including for claims of workplace sexual harassment. By getting rid of mandatory individual arbitration, I will also support employees' ability to band together in the courts to address their collective issues through class action lawsuits and to bring class claims through arbitration.

**16. We have all seen headlines of migrant people being held in detention camps along the southern U.S. border and being subjected to horrific conditions. What will your administration do to end the criminalization of migrants and free the people being held in camps along the southern border?**

It is a moral failing and a national shame when individuals, including children, are locked away in overcrowded detention centers and the government seeks to keep them there indefinitely. My administration will end prolonged detention and reinvest in a case management program. Proven alternatives to detention and non-profit case management programs, which support migrants as they navigate their legal obligations, are the best way to ensure that they attend all required immigration appointments. These programs also enable migrants to live in dignity and safety while awaiting their court hearings—facilitating things like doctor visits, social services, and school enrollment for children. I will codify protections to safeguard children to make sure their treatment is consistent with their best interest and invest in community-based case management programs, including those supported by faith-based organizations such as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, to move migrants into safe environments as quickly as possible.

I will also end for-profit detention centers. No business should profit from the suffering of desperate people fleeing violence. I will ensure that facilities that temporarily house migrants seeking asylum are held to the highest standards of care and prioritize the safety and dignity of families above all.

The Statue of Liberty has long been a beacon to people “yearning to breathe free” around the world — including asylum-seekers and refugees. But the Trump Administration has worked against this tradition to drastically restrict access to asylum in the U.S. As president, I will end Trump’s detrimental asylum policies, starting with the so-called Migrant Protection Protocols, and restore our asylum laws so that they do what they should be designed to do—protect people fleeing persecution and who cannot return home safely.

**17. Black immigrants are disproportionately deported in this country. What will your administration do to stop deportations and keep families together?**

I understand the pain felt by every family across the U.S. that has had a loved one removed from the country, including under the Obama-Biden Administration, and I believe we must do better to uphold our laws humanely and preserve the dignity of immigrant families, refugees, and asylum-seekers.

Targeting people who have never been convicted of a serious criminal offense and who have lived, worked, and contributed to our economy and our communities for decades is the definition of counterproductive. That’s why I will institute a moratorium on deportations for individuals who are already living and working in the United States during the first 100 days of my administration. Thereafter, I will direct enforcement efforts toward threats to public safety and national security, while ensuring that individuals are treated with the due process to which they are entitled and their human rights are protected. I will end workplace raids to ensure that threats based on workers’ status do not

interfere with their ability to organize and improve their wages and working conditions, and I will protect sensitive locations from immigration enforcement actions. No one should be afraid to seek medical attention, go to school, their job, or their place of worship for fear of an immigration enforcement action.

I will also immediately send to Congress and put real political capital into passing a bill to create a roadmap to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented individuals who have been living in a strengthening our country for years. While working to pass legislative immigration reform, I will take steps to protect Dreamers and their families, including by reinstating DACA, and review Temporary Protected Status to protect vulnerable people from being returned to countries that are unsafe.

For more on my immigration plan, visit <https://joebiden.com/immigration>.

### **18. What will your administration do to change our unjust immigration system?**

Trump has waged an unrelenting assault on our values and our history as a nation of immigrants. It's wrong, and it stops when I'm elected President.

As Vice President, I championed the creation and expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) program; the Central American Minors program, which allowed parents with legal status in the U.S. to apply to bring their children up from Central America to live with them; and the creation of a White House task force to support new Americans and help them integrate into their new homes and communities.

If elected, I will finish the work of building a fair and humane immigration system—restoring the progress Trump has cruelly undone and taking it further. I will secure our border, while ensuring the dignity of migrants and upholding their legal right to seek asylum. I will enforce our laws without targeting communities, violating due process, or tearing apart families. I will ensure our values are squarely at the center of our immigration and enforcement policies. I will aggressively advocate for legislation that creates a clear roadmap to legal status and citizenship for the nearly 11 million unauthorized immigrants who register, are up-to-date on their taxes, and have passed a background check. To learn more about my immigration plan, visit <https://joebiden.com/immigration/>.