



VOICES OF REAL NEW YORKERS

An intimate gathering with UnLocal - November 13th 2024

UnLocal, Inc. is a community-centered non-profit organization that provides direct immigration legal representation and community education to New York City's undocumented immigrant communities.

The purpose of this project was to shed light on the real, lived experiences of the New Yorkers who make up this city, challenging the harmful misinformation and false narratives that have long plagued our community. This collection of anecdotes is a testament that New York has always been, and will continue to be a refuge for immigrants from all over the world.

What do you think is needed at this moment in time?



COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY
BUILDING



Where do you want to see the immigration movement in 5 years?



yo pienso que con este
nuevo gobierno puede ser
que la situacion se tome
un poco diferente, pero
con D'ni es adelante este
no que repando
resolver todos los
dificultades y que a veces
son muy brillante al final
del tunnel. *Zorobabel del cielo*

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASYLUM
SEAKERS AND HUMANE TREATMENT
OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
ATTEMPTING TO CROSS.
CREATING UNFULFILLED
JOB OPPORTUNITIES COULD
BE A SEQUE OR START FOR
LEGITIMATE VISAS. MY FATHER
DID ALMOST ANYTHING LEGAL
WHEN MY FAMILY ARRIVED.

Why do you support UnLocal?



I support UnLocal because I
care about immigrants. I am
the daughter of immigrants
and know how important it is
to support one another in
establishing a life in America
+ NYC.

How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



Immigrants are the backbone of this city; the lifeblood in its veins ♥
We shall persist!

What's your earliest memory of NYC? How does that memory make you feel now?



Driving with my Father to LAC to his work!

inspirational my Dad was an entrepreneur & SO am I!

Christina

How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



THEY BUILT THIS CITY!!
Aside from this fundamental contribution, immigrants have made this city so joyful ♥

How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



They are the music, beauty, and strength of this city. They bring cultures of mutual aid that we desperately need, more and more each day. They widen New York's doors to the rest of the world, and I am so thankful and lucky to be able to walk alongside them everyday and share this city with them as they make it home.

What's a song that has lifted you spirits during times of uncertainty?



Chandi kala by Sonny Singh -
It is the Sikh concept of
unrelenting optimism, even
when things seem very dark/
difficult. His music in
general has uplifted me
over the past several years,
& is especially needed now!

Why do you support UnLocal?



Because we
keep each
other safe!

What's a song that has lifted you spirits during times of uncertainty?



ME ROBASTE EL SUEÑO
MARTINA CAMARGO

What's your earliest memory of NYC? How does that memory make
you feel now?



Being pushed in
a stroller by my
dad in my oldest
neighborhood.

XOXO
♥



What makes you proud to be a New Yorker? How has the immigrant experience impacted that?



How diverse the communities are and how open, loving and welcoming people are,

The immigrant experience has added to the love as people are welcoming and always help even if they can't always

What's your earliest memory of NYC? How does that memory make you feel now?



I remember the day I arrived and my first memory was the MTA. I feel so grateful to call NYC my city ♡



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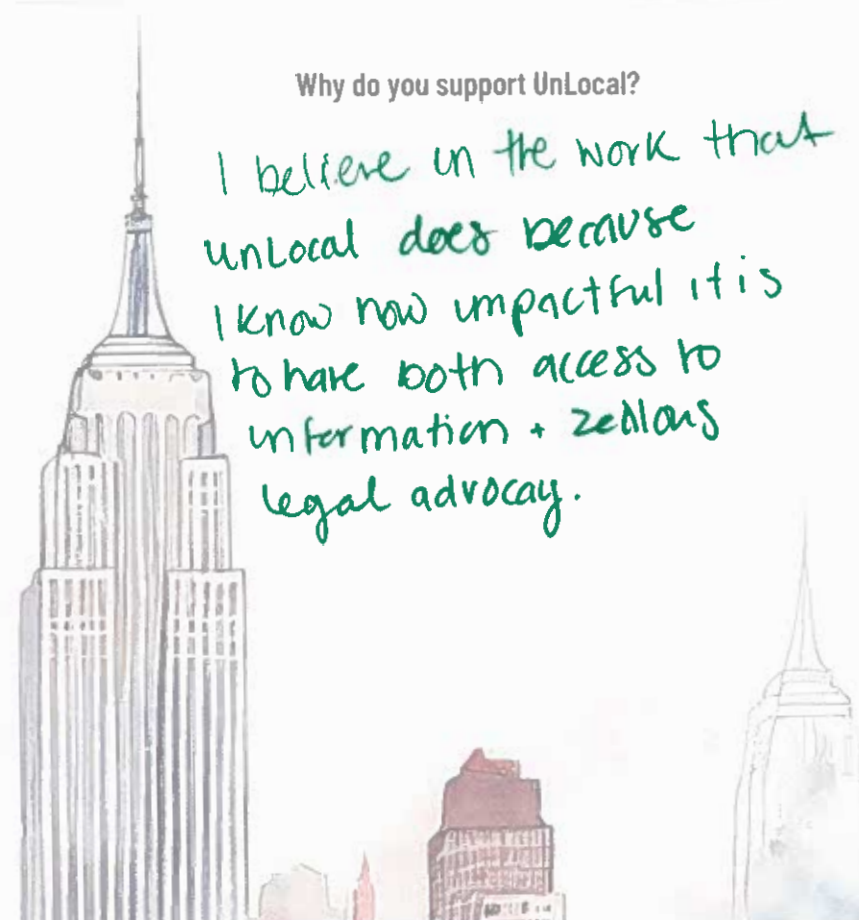


To create policies and pathways that make the US a safe haven for all immigrants



Why do you support UnLocal?

I believe in the work that UnLocal does because I know how impactful it is to have both access to information + zealous legal advocacy.



How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



They've brought their diverse cultures
& experiences to our city.

As a boy from the midwest, this
is the only place in the country
where I can explore the world
all within our city, all thanks
to New York's immigrant
communities! ❤️

What do you think is needed at this moment in time?



Communication,
Honesty, and
acceptance...



Where do you want to see the immigration movement in 5 years?



I would like us to organize,
educate, and come together
to protect our communities. ❤️



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I'm proud to be from a place
full of so many different
cultures, traditions, experiences,
colors, sounds, flavors, rhythms
and people!

That's what being a New Yorker means
to me and it has EVERYTHING to do
with it being an immigrant at a
fundamental level.

Why do you support UnLocal?



Because immigrants are an important part of American culture & we welcome + celebrate them + your moment!

XO MJ

What's a song that has lifted your spirits during times of uncertainty?



ALEJANDRO
BY LADY GAGA

DON'T CALL MY
NAME

XOXO JULIANA



How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



New York would not be New York without immigrants! The reason this city is so cultured is because of our loved immigrants! Good vibes, incredible food, and hearts of gold!

What do you think is needed at this moment in time?



open conversations,
compassion, and
forward thinkers

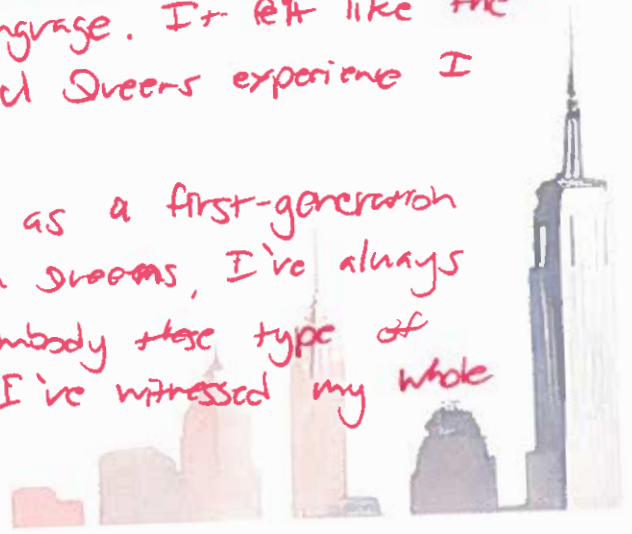


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We're there for each other when we need community. During the pandemic, I met with two restaurant owners who supported each other, despite not speaking a shared language. It felt like the most beautiful Queens experience I can have.

Growing up as a first-generation immigrant in Queens, I've always wanted to embody these type of experiences I've witnessed my whole life.



How have immigrant communities strengthened this city?



Immigrants run New York and are the absolute lifeblood of this city, from its inception to its future.





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