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## EIIC'S NEW IMMIGRANTS NEWS

### NYC Rally to Protest Anti-Immigrant Arizona Law

The New York Immigration Coalition in collaboration with other local organizations is organizing a rally on Thursday July 8th outside the Major League Baseball Headquarters in New York City to send a message to Arizona: we oppose the un-American law (SB1070) that threatens civil rights and undermines basic notions of fairness!. The 2011 All-Star Game is currently scheduled to take place in Phoenix, AZ. The NYIC is calling on MLB Commissioner Bud Selig not hold the All-Star game in Arizona unless the law is revoked. SB 1070 is a law passed by the Arizona state government that forces police to ask any person who looks “reasonably suspicious” for their immigration papers. In effect, it will encourage the police to engage in racial profiling that will target Hispanics and other people of color living in or visiting the state. It will also marginalize immigrant communities in the state and will drive a wedge between them and law enforcement officials. Enforcement, police states, and racial profiling: these are not the standards for immigration reform, and they are not the standards for American public policy.

Hundreds of teenage ballplayers arrive every year in the United States trying to make a better life. They come from the Dominican Republic , Venezuela, Mexico and elsewhere, all to play the most American of games. Most grew up in poverty. Few know English. The game welcomes them anyway. The Major League Baseball Players Association opposes this law as written.

If the current law goes into effect, the MLBPA will consider additional steps necessary to protect the rights and interests of its members. There is a long history of sports leagues and organizations standing up for what is right: from the international boycott of South Africa during Apartheid, to the NFL’s refusal to hold a Superbowl in Arizona when the state did not acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr. day. The MLB itself is tied to the struggle for civil rights in America, beginning with Jackie Robinson who was the first African-American player in 1947. The NYIC call on Commissioner Bud Selig to continue in this tradition of demonstrating that the sport values fair play both on and off the field. The MLB should refuse to hold the All-Star game in Arizona until all baseball players and their fans can live and visit Arizona with the confidence that their civil rights will be upheld and the police will not single them out because of the color of their skin.

EIIC would like to invite the community to participate in this Rally in support of Immigration Reform, not Racial Profiling .

Thursday July 8th at 12pm  
MLB Headquarters - 245 Park Ave (46th and Park Ave) New York



Happy 4th of July!

## Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author.

One of the most enduring myths about Independence Day is that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The myth had become so firmly established that, decades after the event and nearing the end of their lives, even the elderly Thomas Jefferson and John Adams had come to believe that they and the other delegates had signed the Declaration on the fourth. Most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.



2010 New York 4th of July fireworks will be display at approximately 9:20 pm on July 4th, the Macy's fireworks will be set off from six barges positioned between 24th and 50th Streets on the Hudson River.

## Rose of Tralee

The Rose of Tralee festival is held in the Co. Kerry town of Tralee each August and has evolved into much more than a simple beauty pageant. From its humble beginnings in 1959, the Rose Of Tralee has emerged as one of the most important cultural events in the Irish social calendar, second only to St Patrick's Day for its colour, fervour and popularity.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is a five day festival attracting some 200,000 visitors from all over Ireland and the world. Contestants come from each county of Ireland as well as girls of Irish descent from as far a field as New York, Boston and Australia, to compete for the title of The Rose of Tralee.

One lucky girl will be chosen to represent The Empire State at The Rose of Tralee Festival in County Kerry, Ireland. The Association is most pleased to announce that Katie Hannon, (granddaughter of Danny & Peggy Hannon) will don the green and gold to represent the Kerry men's P&B in the competition, in a joint venture with the Emerald Isle Immigration Center (EIIC) of Woodlawn.



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*Best Wishes & Good Luck*

*to*

*Katie Hannon*

*Our Choice for*

*Rose of Tralee*

*From all your EIIC Family*

*"Go n-eiri leat"*



Tickets available for \$60.00, including four hour open bar, music , hors d'oeuvres, canapés and finger foods  
 Contact Rita Talty @ nycrot@gmail.com or by phone @ 201-321-2948 or Jim Houlihan @ 201-951-8008 for tickets  
 Please invite your daughters, Sisters, Mom's, Grandmother's, Aunt's, Nieces, Wives and / or girl-friends to come and support this inaugural, Top fashion event @ the Hall!

## EIIC UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our free monthly discussion  
on smart ways to live well

healthy lifestyles  
healthy eating  
and any topics that may be of your concern

Friday, July 30th, 2010 at 10am  
Friday, August 27, 2010 at 10 am



*This discussion will be led by Claire Callan  
Holistic Health Coach and founder of Clare Holistic Health*

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### Credit Repair and Debt Management

Informational Workshop  
learn about:  
debt management plans and bankruptcy

Tuesday July 27, 2010  
6PM

For more information and registrations  
please call: 718 478 5502 ext 209



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