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Immigration Calculations **Does Immigration Help or Hurt the Bay Area Economy?**

Premieres on KQED 9 and KQED.org on Friday, June 29 at 8:30 pm
Available in Second Audio Programming (SAP) in Spanish

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12, 2007 — *Immigration Calculations*, an original KQED documentary examining the economic impact of immigration in the San Francisco Bay Area premieres on Friday, June 29 at 8:30 pm on KQED Public Television 9. The 30-minute documentary explores several common misconceptions about immigrants in the labor market and explains how a few Bay Area economists calculate the costs and benefits of immigration to our economy.

Immigration Calculations follows four immigrants at different levels of the socio-economic ladder: **Guadalupe Chávez**, a small business owner in Union City, originally from Mexico; **Arun Antonio** and **Rupa Kalidoss**, H-1B visa holders and software engineers from India who reside in San Francisco; and **Aklilu Asefaw Kidane**, a chemist from Eritrea who recently landed his first job at a biotech start-up in the South Bay.

Their personal situations are analyzed by economic experts including **Arturo González**, Ph.D., research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California; **Rebekah Kane**, the Job Seekers Program coordinator at Upwardly Global; **Stephen Levy**, director and senior economist of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy (CCSCE) in Palo Alto; **Ben Powell**, Ph.D, director of the Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation at the Independent Institute; **Sylvia Rosales-Fike**, president and chief executive officer of AnewAmerica Community Corporation; and **AnnaLee Saxenian**, Ph.D., dean and professor in the School of Information at UC Berkeley.

Narrated by veteran NPR correspondent Richard Gonzales and co-produced by Jennifer Maytorena Taylor and Sheraz Sadiq, *Immigration Calculations* is available in second audio programming (SAP) in Spanish. Viewers with stereo-equipped TVs can access the Spanish audio by pushing the SAP or Multiple TV Sound buttons on their sets or remote controls.

“We’re thrilled to make the second audio programming on *Immigration Calculations* available in Spanish,” said Michael Isip, vice president, television content and Education Network. “Finding opportunities to provide content and services in other languages is something we hope to expand upon as we carry on our work to engage and serve all communities in the Bay Area.”

The film will also be available for viewing at www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus. Encore presentations will air on KQED HD on Friday, June 29 at 8:30 pm, Friday, July 6 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, July 8 at 4:00 pm and KQED Encore on Friday, Jun 29 at 11:30 pm and Saturday, Jun 30 at 3:30 am, 7:30 am, 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, and 7:30 pm.

About KQED Immigration in Focus

KQED’s Immigration in Focus (www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives. Support for Immigration in Focus is generously provided by the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund (www.haasjr.org).

About KQED

KQED Public Broadcasting (www.kqed.org) is a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB). KQED Public Television 9, one of the nation's most-watched public television stations during primetime, is the producer of local and national series such as *Quest*; *Check, Please! Bay Area*; *Jacques Pepin: Fast Food My Way*; and *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Encore, KQED World, KQED Life and KQED Kids, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. KQED Public Radio, home of *Forum with Michael Krasny*, *Pacific Time*, and *The California Report*, is the most-listened-to public radio station in the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service (88.5 FM in San Francisco and 89.3 FM in Sacramento). KQED Education Network brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents and the general public through workshops, community screenings and multimedia resources. KQED Interactive offers video and audio podcasts and live radio stream at www.kqed.org, featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.

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