



Jewish Family Services
of silicon valley

Frequently Asked Questions About this Litigation

What is JFS SV trying to achieve with this lawsuit?

We are seeking a nationwide injunction on the restrictions of the Executive Order that is yet another attempt by the Trump administration to suspend refugee admissions without authority, and ban refugees from entering the country.

Why is JFS SV a plaintiff on this lawsuit?

We currently have approximately 200 relatives of local community members who have already been (or are in process to be) vetted and approved to come to the U.S. awaiting reunification. This Executive Order reneges on promises the U.S. already made. It abandons people in temporary host countries and risks their return to the countries whose persecution caused them to flee in the first place.

Where do the refugees come from that JFS SV protects?

Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Cuba, Eritrea, Russian, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Burma, China, Congo, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

How much is this litigation costing JFS SV?

Through wonderful and caring legal partnerships with four noted national law firms, litigation costs are pro bono – at no cost - to JFS SV.

How long has JFS SV been resettling refugees?

In 1984, we began a contract with HIAS to provide resettlement services to newly arrived refugees. Since then, JFS SV has helped nearly 6000 refugees get new chances at life in freedom and security.

Why do people become refugees and need to flee their countries?

People who become refugees are fleeing dire and often violent circumstances. They are persecuted because of their religion, sexual orientation, or political beliefs. They are seeking a new life for their families, where they can become productive citizens and have brighter futures for their children.

How do we choose the refugees we resettle?

Their families living in Silicon Valley approach us. We coordinate our efforts with HIAS and the State Department. Our program is a reunification program bringing families back together. We currently do not resettle refugees without Bay Area connections.

How can I support JFS SV's refugee services?

[The Ruth Perkins Emergency Fund for Refugees](#) ensures that vulnerable refugees can build new lives and live in safety and freedom.