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New Haven Alumnae Chapter

### **Public invited to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Community Forum on Immigration**

New Haven, CT, March 30, 2017 – For its annual Delta Day at City Hall, the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a community forum discussing immigration and the growing attention to the issue given new federal policies.

This signature social action event will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 6 to 7:30 pm, in New Haven's City Hall, 165 Church St., New Haven. The event is free and open to the public – all are invited and encouraged to attend.

Spearheaded by the organization's Social Action Committee, the event is also part of the Community Conversations the chapter has hosted over the last several months addressing topics of concern to community members since the recent presidential election.

Topics to be discussed during the forum will include the impact community members are experiencing in the workplace and in schools as a result of the new federal policies on immigration; possible steps to address the challenges presented by these new policies; how to protect vulnerable citizens and sanctuary cities.

Moderated by Kica Matos, Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice at the Center for Community Change, the forum will include panelists with knowledge and expertise on the issue.

Panelists:

Tomas Reyes – Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Alexis Smith, Executive Director, New Haven Legal Assistance

James Bandhary-Alexander, Staff Attorney, New Haven Legal Assistance

William F. Clark, Chief Operating Officer, New Haven Public Schools

John Lugo, Co-founder and Activist, Unidad Latina en Accion

A Spanish-language interpreter will also be on hand. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [programs@newhavalumnae.org](mailto:programs@newhavalumnae.org)

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is an international, non-profit organization founded in 1913 with the vision to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to persons in need. The New Haven Alumnae Chapter has been committed to various initiatives promoting scholarship and public service for more than 57 years in the Greater New Haven community. For more information on the New Haven Alumnae Chapter, visit [www.newhavalumnae.org](http://www.newhavalumnae.org).