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Pamela Barnett to speak at the High Meadow Branch Library, 4500 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, Texas 77039, Sat., September, 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Deferred Action for Dreamers. This event is sponsored by ILW and TUYA and is open to the public.

Deferred Action for Dreamers

USCIS began accepting Deferred Action and Work Card Applications on August 15, 2012. So far, there appear to be about 70,000 applications in process and some work cards have been issued. We have been impressed with the educational and athletic accomplishments of the young people who have visited our office. These are the types of people we need in the U.S. to help our economy and to build our nation. If you know someone who would like our summary which describes the eligibility requirements, please contact us.

Phase-out of Form I-94 Around the Corner/CBP Discontinues Stamping Form I-20 at Ports of Entry

The most important document in a foreign national's passport is the white card called the Arrival/Departure Document. This card contains the person's immigration status and date for departure. In a cost-saving measure the CBP plans to rely on computer entry of this information. Furthermore, for students on F-1 visas the CBP is no longer stamping the School Form I-20's. Both of these measures are problematic. Employers rely on the Form I-94 to complete the I-9 Forms for employment eligibility. Foreign nationals need to know when they must depart. And, DMV's and other agencies need this Form to grant benefits. Furthermore, presently, the CBP is backed up for months in entering I-94 data in its databases.

DV Lottery starts Oct. 2, 2012

The Diversity Visa Lottery which grants 50,000 Permanent Resident Visas to citizens of countries with historically low immigration rates to the U.S. is open from Oct. 2, to Nov. 3, 2012. See instructions at www.state.gov or contact our firm.

Congress Introduces Bills to Grant More Immigrant Visas to the Highly Skilled

Republicans and Democrats have introduced bills granting more immigrant visas to technology and science grads of U.S. universities. The Republican bill would eliminate the DV visas.

If you are interested in learning more about these new developments, please contact our firm at (713) 980-9939 or psb@barnett-lawgroup.com.