

LEAVING THE DETENTION CENTER

An immigrant asking to leave the detention center needs to prove four things:

1. Who he/she is
2. That he/she is not a danger to the community
3. That he/she will attend all his/her future court hearings, and follow the law in general
4. That he/she has a safe place where he/she can live (not with someone who may be deported at any time) - this person is called the "Sponsor"

GETTING SOMEONE OUT OF THE DETENTION CENTER

The "Sponsor" is a person with whom the immigrant can live and who is financially responsible for the immigrant when the immigrant leaves the detention center as in the majority of cases the immigrant does not have the right to work. The Sponsor should prepare the following documents:

1. Letter of Support (written in English) with:

- a. Date
- b. Immigrant's full legal name
- c. How the Sponsor knows the immigrant
- d. Whether the Sponsor knows the immigrant is a good person
- e. If the immigrant can live with the Sponsor at the address where the Sponsor lives
- f. If the Sponsor is going to help with basic needs such as food, clothing, and medicine
- g. If the Sponsor can help with transportation to court and/or help make the necessary transportation arrangements as in many states immigrants without legal papers cannot get a driver's license
- h. Sentence stating that everything in the letter is true
- i. Signature

2. Proof of legal status in the U.S.

3. **Proof of housing** such as a recent water or electric bill with the Sponsor's name and address (do not submit something that says you have debts with the company)
4. Recommended: **Proof of economic capacity to assist the immigrant** such as a recent job pay stub / check, official letter from employer, and / or a copy of a bank account summary (you can take out the account number)

If in the future the immigrant wants to move there is no problem. He/she only needs to inform immigration within 10 days of moving of the new address with Form AR-11 and, if he/she has a court case, also inform the court within 5 days of moving with the Form EOIR-33.

CONSULTATIONS ON RELEASE WITH US: We recommend that you send us a copy of everything to our e-mail STDC@migrantcenter.org or as a photo by text to 210-802-6061, so that we can confirm that everything looks complete and correct before you pay to notarize the Letter of Support and before you submit everything to ICE or the judge. You can also mail a hardcopy to: PO Box 90382, San Antonio, TX 78209.

FOR CLIENTS WITH A CONTRACT ONLY: After confirming that everything looks correct, you can scan the documents to our email STDC@migrantcenter.org, or send them by certified mail (with a tracking number) to: PO Box 90382, San Antonio, TX 78209. We will then compile the documents and file them with ICE or the judge and provide a copy to the detained person.

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