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Everyone is Welcomed: State Representative Susan L. Valdés, Congresswoman Kathy Castor and Commissioner Harry Cohen Unveil Welcome Center for Immigrants

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State **Representative Susan L. Valdés (D-Tampa)**, **Congresswoman Kathy Castor (FL-24)** and **Hillsborough County Commissioner Harry Cohen** join forces to bring a Welcome Center for immigrants in their district. There has been an increase of immigrants in their community and often times, these individuals are unaware of how to navigate the systems in place. This center will serve as a one stop shop to have all of their questions answered and provide guidance.

“It is about time there is a center like this one in my district to assist our immigrant community. Having a center like this will alleviate a lot of stress endured by these families and by removing barriers, they are able to thrive and become contributing members of our county much sooner,” said **Representative Valdés** “I want to thank my colleagues Congresswoman Kathy Castor and Commissioner Harry Cohen for collaborating with me to make this day a reality.”

“Tampa Bay has a tireless network of nonprofits that provides support to newcomers - - experts on hand at this event can offer guidance and access to important information that can help people access pathways to success through school, skills training, health care and the job hunt,” said **Congresswoman Castor**.

Commissioner Cohen adds, “It is a high priority to make sure that newcomers to our community feel welcome and have a place they can go to get helpful information and services.”

The event will take place 10 am to noon on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 at Egypt Lake Recreation Center located at 3126 Lambright St. Tampa, 33614.

For any questions call **Representative Valdés'** office at 813-673-4673.

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