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At school sites throughout Los Angeles, students and teachers grapple with this challenging issue

Los Angeles.....With an immigrants rights march facing the City of Los Angeles, high school students throughout the LA Unified School District can tackle the issue in a different way – by discussing it in their classrooms and homes. *Current Issues of Immigration, 2007* is a curriculum that was developed by the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF).

The materials, which are being offered free of charge to educators and parents, consist of six lesson modules designed to put the current controversies about illegal immigration into historical and political context. They include readings, guided discussion questions, and interactive learning activities designed to help students explore and deepen their understanding of the issues presented. In addition, the curriculum package includes a resource for conducting structured discussions with students, as well as other teaching strategies such as role playing, handling controversy, group activities and others.

"Teachers and parents are on the front-lines in helping students grapple with controversial, and often emotionally-charged issues. CRF is committed to providing balanced resources to engage students in really thinking about and discussing current issues of immigration," says Marshall Croddy, Director of Programs at CRF.

Recent research says that parents, as much as teachers, play a key role in helping their children become engaged, informed, and effective members of society. The current debates about U.S. Immigration policy provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to reach out to students and include them in the discussion.

Constitutional Rights Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan education organization. It seeks to instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Its goal is to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today.

For more information about CRF and for a free downloadable version of *Current Issues of Immigration 2007*, please refer to our website at www.crf-usa.org